

Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB1382

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Ebbin

3. Committee: Senate Committee on Rehabilitation and Social Services

4. Title: Alcoholic beverage control; applications for retail license; health permit.

5. Summary: Requires applicants for retail licenses for establishments that serve food or are otherwise required to obtain a food establishment permit from the Department of Health to provide a copy of such permit or proof of a pending application for such permit. The bill provides that if the applicant submits proof of a pending application for a food establishment permit, a license may be issued to the applicant, which shall authorize the licensee to purchase alcoholic beverages; however, the licensee shall not sell or serve alcoholic beverages until a food establishment permit is issued.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate (see Item #8)

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC), the proposed bill streamlines the license application and delivery process and is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on agency operations.

The fiscal impact to the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) is not quantifiable. According to VDH, the bill would require the agency to issue a food permit to any retail establishment that already serves food. Currently, some establishments such as gas station delicatessens, are not issued food permits. Given the volume of permit applicants resulting from the proposed bill is unknown, the fiscal impact on VDH is indeterminate.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: ABC and Department of Health.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None