

Department of Planning and Budget

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2634ER

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: Hurst

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses

4. Title: Local Referendum on sale of mixed alcoholic beverages and the establishment of government stores

5. Summary: The substitute bill modifies the process by which a locality may put a local referendum question before the voters with regards to whether government stores should be allowed in the locality or whether mixed alcoholic beverages can be sold by restaurants operating in the locality.

The bill also states that the sale of mixed beverages by restaurants is prohibited in any town created as a result of a city-to-town reversion if a referendum on the question of whether the sale of mixed beverages by restaurants licensed should be prohibited was previously held in the former city and a majority of the voters voted “Yes” on such referendum.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final (see Item 8)

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (“Authority”), there are 31 counties that are “dry” or “partially dry” meaning the sale of alcoholic beverages is strictly prohibited (dry) or the sale of alcoholic beverages is restricted under certain circumstances (partially dry).

The additional new stores that could open as a result of this bill would likely generate sufficient revenues to cover anticipated expenditures. According to the Authority, the existing enforcement offices can accommodate the anticipated workload increases from the new store openings.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority, Localities

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None