

Department of Planning and Budget 2010 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB354

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

2. Patron: Englin

3. Committee: House Committee on General Laws

4. Title: **Alcoholic beverage control; hotel manager's reception license.**

5. Summary: Creates a new hotel manager's reception license and sets out the privileges of the license as well as the license taxes.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Item 8)

7. Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes, Item 372

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation would add "Hotel Manager's Reception" to the list of alcoholic beverage licenses that the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board may grant. The initial fee would be \$165 (\$100 tax + \$65 non-refundable one-time application fee). The legislation, as introduced, would make this new license available to the 19,190 hotels/motels/resorts in the Commonwealth.

Assuming 25 percent (or 4,797 entities) of those eligible would apply, the total revenues generated in the first year would total approximately \$791,505. The revenue generated in each subsequent year would total approximately \$479,700. ABC has no way of knowing the total number of licenses that will be issued as a result of this legislation, therefore, the revenue projections are purely speculative.

The workload demands for the ABC Enforcement Division would likely increase as a result of this legislation. It is anticipated nine enforcement agents would be needed to handle this additional caseload along with some part-time (P-14 staffers) license technicians to process the new applications. An average cost of \$50,000 would need to be budgeted for each enforcement agent added.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: ABC

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None

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