

Department of Planning and Budget 2013 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB1720

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

2. Patron: Head

3. Committee: General Laws

4. Title: Alcoholic beverage control; proof of legal age required.

5. Summary: Provides that any person selling alcoholic beverages to an individual who the seller knows or has reason to believe is younger than 21 years of age shall require the individual to present a photo identification form issued by a governmental agency that contains the individual's complete name, height, weight, and date of birth indicating that the individual is 21 years of age or older. The bill excludes student identification cards as bona fide evidence of legal age. The bill provides that failure to require identification shall be deemed a Class 1 misdemeanor violation.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary; See Item 8 below.

8. Fiscal Implications: Although insufficient data exists to determine the fiscal impact due to this proposal, the proposed legislation could result in an increase in the jail population since Class 1 misdemeanor outcomes result in sentences of up to 12 months in jail (and a fine up to \$2,500). Any increase in jail population will increase costs to the state. The Commonwealth presently pays the localities \$4.00 a day for each misdemeanant or otherwise local responsible prisoner held in a jail. It also funds most of the jails' operating costs, e.g. correctional officers. The state's share of these costs on a per prisoner, per day basis varies from locality to locality. However, according to the Compensation Board's FY2011 Jail Cost Report (November 1, 2012), the estimated total state support for local and regional jails averaged \$26.54 per state inmate, per day in FY 2011.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Local and regional jails statewide, State Compensation Board, local and state law enforcement agencies.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.

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