

Department of Planning and Budget

2021 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB2131

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

2. Patron: Lopez

3. Committee: House Committee on General Laws

4. Title: Locality input into license application process

5. Summary: The proposed bill adds the chief administrative officer of a locality to the list of persons who may be sent notice of certain license applications by the Board of Directors (the Board) of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority.

The bill allows localities to submit conditional recommendations for the granting of a license and allows the locality to request a 15-day extension to the 30-day period during which an objection to or recommendation for a license must be submitted. The bill requires the Board to give reasonable consideration to any objection or recommendation submitted by the locality.

The bill also expands the definition of criminal blight, for which the locality may require a property owner to take corrective action, to include a condition existing on real property that endangers public health or safety and is caused by (i) the regular presence on the property of persons in possession of controlled substances, (ii) the discharge of a firearm under certain conditions, and (iii) repeated violations of state laws or local ordinances involving acts that pose a risk of danger to persons or private property.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Preliminary (see Line #8)

8. Fiscal Implications: According to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (ABC), the proposed bill is not expected to create a material fiscal impact on agency operations. The impact, if any, on localities cannot be determined at this time.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority, and localities

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: None