

Department of Finance and Administration

Legislative Impact Statement

Bill: HB2226

Bill Subtitle: TO CREATE A PUBLIC HOUSE PERMIT FOR THE ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

Basic Change :

Sponsor: Representative Leding

The bill would amend provisions regarding entities authorized to have on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages to include "public houses". A "public house" is defined to mean an individual, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation that is primarily engaged in the business of the sale of alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption. Each applicant for a "public house" permit allowing the on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages would pay an annual licensing fee of \$2,500 to Alcoholic Beverage Control. All applicants for the "public house" permit must provide proof that the applicant has obtained a sales tax permit from the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA); has received approval of the public house's intended premises by the Department of Health; and has provided proof of general liability insurance coverage in an amount of no less than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000). The Act would be effective 90 days after final adjournment of the 91st General Assembly.

Revenue Impact :

"Public house" licensing fees would be collected by Alcoholic Beverage Control.

Taxpayer Impact :

None.

Resources Required :

None.

Time Required :

None.

Procedural Changes :

None.

Other Comments :

None.

Legal Analysis :

SB2226 creates a new alcoholic beverage control permit for a "public house" for on-premises consumption of alcoholic beverages. A "public house" will be defined as an entity that is engaged primarily in the business of the sale of alcohol for on-premises consumption with no requirements regarding providing food or other products. The bill also establishes a permit fee for public houses at \$2,500.00 and lays out requirements for obtaining a public house permit from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division.