



**State of Arkansas
Department of Finance and Administration
Fiscal Impact Statement**

Bill: HB1730 **Amendment Number: H1**
Bill Subtitle: TO REPEAL THE LAW CONCERNING THE ISSUANCE AND TRANSFER OF WHOLESALE PERMITS.

Sponsors:

Reps. M. Brown and J. Richardson

Sen. Bryant

Basic Change:

House Amendment No. 1 --- HB1730-H1 (engrossed 4/02/25) updates the original bill to amend, rather than repeal, § 3-4-609. HB1730-H1 provides that new wholesaler permits under § 3-4-605 may be issued on or after July 1, 2026. The amendment allows new minimum wholesaler permits under § 3-4-607 to be issued after the effective date of the act.

Original Bill --- HB1730 repeals § 3-4-609, which prohibits the issuance of new wholesaler permits by the Alcoholic Beverage Control Division of the Department of Finance and Administration (ABC).

Under HB1730, ABC would be authorized to issue wholesaler permits under § 3-4-605 (wholesaler permits) and § 3-4-607 (minimum wholesale liquor permits). The holder of a wholesaler permit issued before September 1, 2013 would no longer be permitted to transfer the permit to another wholesaler.

Fiscal Impact:

ABC may issue additional wholesale permits and collect additional application and renewal fees in accordance with existing permit fees.

Taxpayer Impact:

None.

Resources Required:

None. ABC has issued these permits in the past and should have existing applications for this purpose that can be updated and reused.

Time Required:

None.

Procedural Changes:

ABC Administration and Enforcement will be trained on the wholesale application process changes.



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Other Comments:

None.

Legal Analysis:

None.