



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL NO. 1048

PRINTERS NO. 1211

PRIME SPONSOR: Knowles

COST / (SAVINGS)

FUND	FY 2019/20	FY 2020/21
State Stores Fund	See fiscal impact	See fiscal impact

SUMMARY:

House Bill 1048, printer's number 1211, amends the act of April 12, 1951 (P.L. 90, No. 21), known as the Liquor Code to further provide for licenses and regulations for liquor, alcohol and malt and brewed beverages for certain licensees.

The effective date is 60 days after enactment.

ANALYSIS:

The bill adds a subsection to Section 407 of the Liquor Code to eliminate the \$700 application surcharge for renewal of liquor licenses by national veterans' organizations or volunteer fire companies. The surcharge found in Section 470(a) of the Liquor Code was imposed by Act 39 of 2016 and was intended to offset a portion of the costs the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board (PLCB) incurs in processing license renewals.

The PLCB does not specifically track the number of licensees that are national veterans' organizations and volunteer fire companies' licensees, but they estimate the number to be between 1,000 and 1,200.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Based on data provided by the PLCB, it is estimated the enactment of this legislation will decrease revenue to the State Stores Fund by approximately \$700,000 to \$840,000 annually.

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Estimates are calculated using the best information available. Actual costs and revenue impact incurred may vary from estimates.