

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	11-3518/1	Introduction Number	AB-0432	Estimate Type	Original
Description Allowing a village in Dane County meeting specified criteria to exceed its retail liquor license quota by issuing three additional retail licenses					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Current law prohibits selling alcohol beverages at retail unless the seller possesses a license or permit authorizing the sale. A "Class B" license authorizes the retail sale of liquor for consumption on the premises and, subject to various limitations, the retail sale for consumption off the retail premises. Current law imposes a quota on the number of "Class B" licenses that a municipality may issue. The quota is based, in part, on the municipality's population.

Current law also includes, however, certain exemptions from the quota on "Class B" licenses. These exemptions allow the provision of additional "Class B" licenses to or for: (a) a full-service restaurant that has a seating capacity of 300 or more persons; (b) a hotel that has 50 or more rooms and an attached restaurant or a banquet room; (c) an opera house or a theater provided other conditions are met; (d) a village in the northern half of Ozaukee County having a population of more than 4,000; (e) a city immediately adjacent to the southern border of the City of Milwaukee and an eastern boundary of Lake Michigan; (f) a 4th class city in Dane County with a population as of the 2000 Census between 8,000 and 9,000; (g) a 3rd class city in Dane County with a population as of the 2000 Census between 15,000 and 16,000; (h) a municipality enumerated by the Legislature as a "capital improvement area" based upon specified increases in taxable property value; and (i) a full service restaurant located on a golf course in a municipality in Bayfield County with a population between 400 and 500.

This bill allows a village located in Dane County having a population of at least 1,700 but not more than 1,750 as shown in the 2000 federal decennial census to issue three "Class B" licenses in addition to the "Class B" licenses authorized under the village's quota. The Village of Shorewood Hills is the one municipality in the state meeting these criteria.

This bill will not have any effect on the Department's administrative operations.

Allowing the Village of Shorewood Hills to exceed its retail liquor license quota by issuing three additional "Class B" licenses may generate a minor increase in local government revenues and possibly create a small increase local government costs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications