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BILL TOPIC: ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT EXPAND LICENSED PREMISES TYPES

Fiscal Impact Summary*	FY 2015-2016	FY 2016-2017		
State Revenue				
State Expenditures				
FTE Position Change				
Appropriation Required: None.				

* This summary shows changes from current law under the bill for each fiscal year.

Summary of Legislation

This bill authorizes a local government to include additional alcohol license types to be included in an entertainment district. The new license types include:

- beer and wine licensee;
- manufacturer that operations a sales room; and
- limited winery.

The owner of a newly included license type must apply to the local licensing authority to be included in an entertainment district.

Background

Senate Bill 11-273 allowed a municipality to create an entertainment district. An entertainment district can be no more than 100 acres containing at least 20,000 square feet of premises licensed as a tavern, hotel and restaurant, brew pub, retail gaming tavern, or vintner's restaurant. A common consumption area may be created as a common area within an entertainment district that uses physical barriers to close the area to motor vehicle traffic and to limit pedestrian access. A certified promotional association may operate a common consumption area within an entertainment district and authorize the attachment of a licensed premises to the common consumption area. An attached licensed premises may serve alcohol and the customers may consume alcohol within the common consumption area. The local licensing authority is authorized to approve, refuse to certify, or to decertify a promotional association of a common consumption area.

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Local Government Impact

This bill will increase the revenue and workload of a local licensing authority if an owner of any of the newly included alcohol license types applies to attach to an entertainment district. The local licensing authority is authorized to impose a fee for authorizing attachment to an entertainment district to offset its costs. Under current law, the local licensing authority has the option not to allow any or all of the new license types to attach to an entertainment district so in those instances, the bill has no impact on local governments.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 5, 2015, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 6, 2015, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Revenue Municipalities