

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 6480

As Passed Senate, February 12, 2004

Title: An act relating to the special occasion liquor license.

Brief Description: Increasing the number of days certain fairs can use the special occasion liquor license.

Sponsors: Senators Hewitt, Deccio, Hale, Doumit, Rasmussen, Honeyford and Mulliken.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Commerce & Trade: 1/30/04 [DP].
Passed Senate: 2/12/04, 49-0.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE & TRADE

Majority Report: Do pass.

Signed by Senators Honeyford, Chair; Hewitt, Vice Chair; Franklin, Keiser and Mulliken.

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Background: Currently, a not-for-profit society or organization may obtain a special occasion liquor license to sell spirits, beer and wine by the individual serving, for on-premises consumption at a specified date and time. The special occasion licensee may sell beer and/or wine in original unopened containers for off-premises consumption, if prior permission from the Liquor Control Board is obtained. The fee for such a license is \$60 per day. Sales under this license are limited to 12 calendar days per year.

Summary of Bill: Special occasion licensees that are "agricultural area fairs" or "agricultural county and district fairs" may, once a calendar year, count as one event, fairs that last multiple days. These licensees may do this only if alcohol sales are at set dates, times and locations and the licensee notifies the Liquor Control Board of those dates, times and locations. The fee is \$60 per day.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Testimony For: None.

Testimony Against: None.

Testified: No one.

House Amendment(s): If the special occasion liquor license is for an event held during a county, district, or area fair and the fair is located on property owned by the county but located within an

incorporated city or town, the county legislative authority shall be the entity notified by the Liquor Control Board.