
Government Accountability & Oversight Committee

HB 1063

Brief Description: Creating a senior center license.

Sponsors: Representatives Fitzgibbon, Cody, Kagi, Ryu and Appleton.

<p>Brief Summary of Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creates a new retail liquor license is for qualifying non-profit senior centers.

Hearing Date: 1/22/13

Staff: Thamas Osborn (786-7129).

Background:

Nonprofit organizations can currently be issued a retailer's special occasion license to sell spirits, beer, and wine by the individual serving for on-premises consumption at specified events. The date and place must be specified. The fee for a special occasion license is \$60 per day. Sales are limited to no more than 12 calendar days per year for such events. Exceptions to the 12 calendar day limit are allowed for qualifying agricultural county and area fairs.

There is a specific license made available to nonprofit arts organizations authorizing such organizations to sell liquor to patrons on the premises at sponsored events, which must be approved by the Liquor Control Board (LCB). The fee for such a license is \$250 per year. A nonprofit arts organization is one which provides artistic or cultural exhibitions, or performances or art education programs for attendance by the general public. It must meet legal requirements for a not-for-profit corporation and must satisfy specific conditions set by the LCB.

Summary of Bill:

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A new retail liquor license is created for qualifying non-profit senior centers. Nonprofit organizations whose primary service is providing recreational and social activities for seniors on the licensed premises (senior centers) may qualify for a retail liquor license if they pay a \$720 annual license fee, provide limited food service as defined by the LCB, comply with regulations established by the LCB, and require servers to have a valid mandatory alcohol server permit. This license allows on-premises sale of spirits, beer, or wine by the glass for consumption on the premises.

The LCB is authorized to adopt rules in order to implement the act.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of the session in which the bill is passed.