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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 706, L.D. 973, Bill, "An Act to Amend the Illegal Transportation of Liquor Law"

Amend the bill in section 3 in subsection 1 in the 5th line (page 1, line 26 in L.D.) by striking out the following: "4" and inserting in its place the following: '-4- 12'

Further amend the bill by inserting at the end before the summary the following:

FISCAL NOTE

This bill may reduce General Fund revenue associated with the sale of liquor. The amount of the additional sales that would be shifted to out-of-state purchases and associated tax revenue reductions can not be determined at this time.

This bill may reduce prosecutions for Class E crimes. If the number of jail sentences is reduced, the savings to the counties are estimated to be \$82.48 per day per prisoner. The amount of any reduction of jail time and the resulting savings to the county jail system are expected to be insignificant.

The Judicial Department may realize some minor savings from reductions of workload and administrative costs associated with the minimal number of cases that will no longer be filed in the court system. Reductions in the collection of fines may decrease General Fund revenue by minor amounts.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

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SUMMARY

This amendment increases the legal limit for importation of wine by a person who does not have a wholesale license, small brewery license or farm winery license from 4 quarts to 12 quarts. This amendment also adds a fiscal note.