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COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 684, L.D. 1886, Bill, "An Act to Reduce the Fee Structure for Class II Liquor Licenses"

Amend the bill by striking out the title and substituting the following:

'Resolve, Directing the Director of the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement to Study the Equity of Fees for Establishments Licensed to Sell Liquor for On-premises Consumption'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and before the summary and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1. Director of Liquor Enforcement to study equity of on-premises license fees. Resolved: That the Director of the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement within the Department of Public Safety shall study the equity of the cost of license fees for establishments licensed to sell spirits, wine and malt liquor for on-premises consumption. The study must include an examination of the current disparities in on-premises license fees and whether or not those disparities create a disincentive for establishments to obtain a license for the sale of spirits for on-premises consumption and whether changing the current license fee structure could generate increased revenue to the General Fund from the sale of spirits for consumption on the premises of a licensed establishment. The Director of the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement shall submit a report including suggested legislation to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over alcoholic beverages matters by December 31, 2003. The committee is authorized to report out legislation based on the report to the Second Regular Session of the 121st Legislature.'

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to S.P. 684, L.D. 1886

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

FISCAL NOTE

The Bureau of Liquor Enforcement within the Department of Public Safety will incur some minor additional costs to submit a required report to the Legislature. These costs can be absorbed within the bureau's existing budgeted resources.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill and directs the Director of the Bureau of Liquor Enforcement within the Department of Public Safety to study the equity of fees for establishments licensed to sell spirits, wine and malt liquor for on-premises consumption. The report is to be submitted to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over alcoholic beverages matters by December 31, 2003. This amendment adds a fiscal note to the bill.