

Fiscal Estimate Narratives

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LRB Number	13-2009/1	Introduction Number	AB-0168	Estimate Type	Original
Description Allowing the town of Union in Eau Claire County to exceed its retail liquor license quota by issuing one additional retail license					

Assumptions Used in Arriving at Fiscal Estimate

Current law prohibits selling alcohol beverages at retail unless the seller possesses a license or permit authorizing the sale. A "Class B" license authorizes the retail sale of liquor for consumption on the premises and, subject to various limitations, the retail sale for consumption off the retail premises. Current law imposes a quota on the number of "Class B" licenses that a municipality may issue. The quota is based, in part, on the municipality's population.

Current law also includes, however, certain exemptions from the quota on "Class B" licenses. Some of these exemptions relate to specific municipalities such as the provision of additional "Class B" licenses to (a) a village in the northern half of Ozaukee County having a population of more than 4,000; (b) a city immediately adjacent to the southern border of the City of Milwaukee and an eastern boundary of Lake Michigan; (c) a 4th class city in Dane County with a population as of the 2000 Census between 8,000 and 9,000; (d) a 3rd class city in Dane County with a population as of the 2000 Census between 15,000 and 16,000; and (e) a municipality enumerated by the Legislature as a "capital improvement area" based upon specified increases in taxable property value.

This bill allows the town of Union in Eau Claire County to issue one "Class B" license in addition to the "Class B" licenses authorized under the town's quota.

This bill will not have any significant effect on the Department of Revenue's (DOR's) administrative costs and operations.

Issuing a license under the quota exemption as authorized by this bill would generate a minor increase in local revenues and possibly a small increase local government costs.

Long-Range Fiscal Implications