

**LEGISLATIVE SERVICES AGENCY
OFFICE OF FISCAL AND MANAGEMENT ANALYSIS**

301 State House
(317) 232-9855

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7015
BILL NUMBER: SB 348

DATE PREPARED: Dec 30, 1998
BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Alcohol sale compliance checks.

FISCAL ANALYST: Kristin Breen
PHONE NUMBER: 232-9567

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 X DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill provides that, with certain restrictions, a law enforcement officer having full police powers may engage the participation of a minor as part of an action to enforce alcoholic beverage laws. It requires the Alcoholic Beverage Commission to conduct a number of random, unannounced compliance checks of retail permittees for violations of the alcoholic beverage laws concerning minors.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill requires the Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC) to conduct random, unannounced compliance checks of alcoholic beverage permittees to monitor for compliance with alcoholic beverage laws concerning minors. If a violation is found during the initial compliance check, the ABC must revisit the permittee within 90 days. The ABC is allowed to use other law enforcement officers to conduct these checks.

The ABC is required to check at least 50% of the approximately 10,000 alcoholic beverage permittees each year. This will result in an increased workload for excise officers. The ABC currently has 45 officers. It is estimated that the ABC will not have to hire any additional officers to conduct these checks.

If there is an increase in the number of violations cited due to the compliance checks, there would be an increase in costs associated with court appearances, depositions, and report drafting. In 1997, excise officers conducted 15,656 inspections of ABC permittees, for an average of about 348 inspections per officer per year. The ABC's expenses are paid from the Enforcement and Administration Fund.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Alcoholic Beverage Commission

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement agencies

Information Sources: Don Okey, Alcoholic Beverage Commission, 232-2463.