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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7015

BILL NUMBER: SB 348

DATE PREPARED: Feb 9, 1999

BILL AMENDED: Feb 8, 1999

SUBJECT: Alcohol sale compliance checks.

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FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
 DEDICATED
 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) This bill provides that, with certain restrictions, a law enforcement officer having full police powers may engage the participation of a minor who is at least 18 years of age as part of an action to enforce alcoholic beverage laws. It allows the Alcoholic Beverage Commission to conduct unannounced compliance checks of retail permittees for violations of the alcoholic beverage laws concerning minors.

Effective Date: July 1, 1999.

Explanation of State Expenditures: (Revised) This bill allows the Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC) to conduct 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 to use other law enforcement officers to conduct these checks. The ABC does not currently conduct compliance checks for violations of alcoholic beverage laws concerning minors.

There are approximately 10,000 alcoholic beverage permittees in the state. It is estimated that the ABC will not have to hire any additional officers. The ABC currently has 53 officers.

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. The ABC's expenses are paid from the Enforcement and Administration Fund, with supplemental funding from the state General Fund.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Alcoholic Beverage Commission

Local Agencies Affected: Local law enforcement agencies

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