

**LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD**  
**Austin, Texas**

**FISCAL NOTE, 78TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION**

**April 21, 2003**

**TO:** Honorable Troy Fraser, Chair, Senate Committee on Business & Commerce

**FROM:** John Keel, Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB1273** by Armbrister (Relating to alternatives to suspension of alcoholic beverage licenses and permits.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for SB1273, As Introduced: an impact of \$0 through the biennium ending August 31, 2005.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds
2004	\$0
2005	\$0
2006	\$0
2007	\$0
2008	\$0

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

Fiscal Year	Probable Revenue (Loss) from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</i> 1	Probable Revenue Gain from <i>GENERAL REVENUE FUND</i> 1
2004	(\$283,500)	\$283,500
2005	(\$283,500)	\$283,500
2006	(\$283,500)	\$283,500
2007	(\$283,500)	\$283,500
2008	(\$283,500)	\$283,500

**Fiscal Analysis**

The bill would amend the Alcoholic Beverage Code as it relates to alternatives to suspension of alcoholic beverage licenses and permits. The bill would preclude the use of economic impact in assessing civil penalties.

**Methodology**

The Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) estimates it would collect \$283,500 less per year in civil penalties (fines). This figure is based on an annual average of 3 cases with an estimated revenue loss of \$94,500 each. TABC is required by current statute to collect fees, surcharges, and fines to cover its appropriation; as a result there would be no net cost to General Revenue. The agency would be required to either reduce its expenditures or increase other fees, surcharges, and fines to compensate for the decrease in fines.

## **Local Government Impact**

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 304 Comptroller of Public Accounts, 458 Alcoholic Beverage Commission

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