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TO: Honorable Kino Flores, Chair, House Committee on Licensing & Administrative Procedures

FROM: John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB1357 by Flores (Relating to the civil consequences of certain alcohol-related offenses.),
As Introduced

No significant fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

The bill would amend the Alcoholic Beverage Code to require the Department of Public Safety (DPS) to suspend or deny issuance of a driver's license or permit for 180 days to any minor that has not been previously convicted of an offense under this section of the bill. DPS would be required to suspend or deny issuance of a driver's license or permit for one year to any minor previously convicted one or more times under this section of the bill

The bill would amend the Transportation Code as it relates to purchasing alcohol for, or furnishing alcohol to, minors. The bill would require a person's driver's license be automatically suspended upon a final conviction and DPS to not issue a driver's license to a person convicted of purchasing alcohol for or furnishing alcohol to a minor. The bill would create, upon final conviction, a 180-day driver's license suspension and 180-day driver's license denial period. The denial period would be 180 days after the person applies for reinstatement or issuance of a driver's license. Persons with a license suspended or previously denied under this section of the bill would have a one-year driver's license suspension and denial period. The denial period would be one-year after the person applies for reinstatement or issuance of a driver's license. Although there may be increased revenues associated with the reinstatement of a driver's license, these revenues are not estimated to be significant.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

Local Government Impact

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

Source Agencies: 405 Department of Public Safety, 458 Alcoholic Beverage Commission

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