



OHIO LEGISLATIVE SERVICE COMMISSION

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 444 of the 131st G.A. **Date:** December 8, 2016
Status: As Passed by the Senate **Sponsor:** Rep. Blessing

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Allows certain liquor permit holders to provide up to four free tasting samples

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on political subdivisions.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill allows A-1-A permit holders (except wine manufacturers with A-2 and A-2f liquor permits), A-1c, and certain D liquor permit holders to provide, in any 24-hour period of time, no more than four tasting samples of beer, wine, or spirituous liquor free of charge to a person who is 21 years of age or older and a paying customer of the permit holder. These tasting samples must be consumed on the permit holder's premises. The bill specifies that a tasting sample is an amount that does not exceed two ounces of beer or wine, or a quarter ounce of spirituous liquor. Currently, there are 165 A-1-A, 170 A-1c, and approximately 37,000 D liquor permit holders that the bill applies to. The bill does not appear to have any fiscal impact.

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