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sHB-6854

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER PROTECTION'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING ALCOHOLIC LIQUOR REGULATION.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

| Agency Affected | Fund-Effect | FY 26 \$ | FY 27 \$ |
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| Resources of the General Fund | GF - Revenue | See Below | See Below |
| | Impact | | |

Note: GF=General Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill makes various changes to the state's liquor control statutes resulting in the revenue impact described below.

Section 7 creates a daily in-state transporter liquor permit for a fee of \$150 for every vehicle or boat used in the state, resulting in a potential revenue loss to the state to the extent current annual in-state transporter licenses switch to the daily in-state transporter permit which has a lower fee. In FY 24 there were 115 application and renewal requests for an annual in-state transporter liquor permit.

Section 9 allows a qualified managed residential community to hold a caterer permit which allows alcohol to be served resulting in a potential revenue gain to the state to the extent additional permits are

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¹The permit is created as an alternative to the annual in-state transporter permit which has an annual fee of \$1,250 for the first boat or vehicle and \$200 for each additional boat or vehicle.

applied for. The caterer permit has an annual fee of \$1,450.

Section 13 allows DCP to impose a fine of up to \$1,000 for certain THC-infused beverage violations resulting in a potential revenue gain to the state to the extent that violations occur.

The bill also makes various changes to the state's liquor control statutes that result in no fiscal impact to the state.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to the number of permits requested and the number of violations.