NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL NOTE

BILL NUMBER: SB 725
SHORT TITLE: Restaurant ABC Permittees
SPONSOR(S): Senator Richardson
FISCAL IMPACT: Expenditures: Increase () Decrease ()
Revenues: Increase (X) Decrease ()
No Impact ()
No Estimate Available ()

<u>FUND AFFECTED</u>: General Fund (X) Highway Fund () Local Govt. () Other Funds ()

BILL SUMMARY: The proposed act reduces the percentage mixed beverage permittees are required to maintain in food sales from 50% to 40%.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Ratification

PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S)/PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED: Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission

FISCAL IMPACT

	FY	FY	FY	FY	FY
	94-95	95-96	96-97	97-98	98-99
REVENUES:					
GENERAL FUND	Less than	a \$100,000	in a fiscal	year	

ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:

There are 2800 mixed beverage permittees in the State of North Carolina. Included in this number are private clubs, hotels, restaurants, sports clubs, tour clubs, and convention centers. Restaurants comprise 1800 of the 2800 establishments and 100 to 200 of the 1800 fall below the current percentage of sales that must be attributed to food. The commission believes that no more than 200 establishments, statewide, would apply for a mixed beverage license if the minimum were reduced to 40%. According to the Commission, it is doubtful that 200 applications would be filed in a single fiscal year.

A mixed beverage permittee would pay \$750.00 for the State mixed beverage license in the first year and \$500.00 every year thereafter. The State beer and wine license is \$200.00 annually.

SOURCES OF DATA: Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission

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