

# SOUTH CAROLINA REVENUE AND FISCAL AFFAIRS OFFICE STATEMENT OF ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT

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H.3575 Amended by the House of Representatives on March 11, 2021 **Bill Number:** 

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Subject: Beer and Wine Curbside Pick Up

Senate Judiciary Requestor:

RFA Analyst(s): Payne

Impact Date: May 6, 2021

## **Fiscal Impact Summary**

This bill will not impact the General Fund expenditures of the Department of Revenue (DOR), as they will be able to accomplish the duties enumerated in this bill with existing personnel and appropriations.

This bill may have an undetermined impact on General Fund revenues due to the potential impact on beer and wine sales; however, it is anticipated that the provisions of the bill will lead to a shift in purchasing behavior rather than an expansion of sales.

### **Explanation of Fiscal Impact**

### Amended by the House of Representatives on March 11, 2021 **State Expenditure**

This bill establishes a new alcohol sales license that shall be issued and administered by DOR. The new license would permit existing beer and wine retailers to offer curbside delivery or pick up of sealed containers of beer and wine to customers that are at least twenty-one years of age. The bill prohibits the curbside pick-up of alcoholic liquors. The provisions of this bill are similar to the provisions of Section 8 of Executive Order 2020-50, which was signed into effect by the Governor on August 2, 2020.

**Department of Revenue.** DOR is responsible for administering alcohol sales licensing in this state. The department anticipates the provisions of this bill will not impact their expenditures, as they already have procedures in place for the development of new licenses. Therefore, this bill will not have a fiscal impact on the General Fund expenditures of the department, as they will be able to accomplish the responsibilities enumerated in the bill using existing personnel and appropriations.

#### **State Revenue**

The bill does not expressly permit DOR to charge a fee for the curbside pick-up licenses. RFA anticipates that this bill may have a minimal impact on beer and wine sales and resulting sales and alcohol tax revenues, as it is anticipated the provisions of this bill will cause a shift in the manner in which consumers purchase alcohol rather than a material expansion of beer and wine purchases. Therefore, the revenue impact of this bill is undetermined.

**Local Expenditure** 

N/A

**Local Revenue** 

N/A

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