



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: [H.B. 594 of the 130th G.A.](#)

Date: November 17, 2014

Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Reps. Gerberry and Buchy

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

Contents: Prohibits the sale or offering for sale for human consumption of powdered or crystalline alcohol

State Fiscal Highlights

- The Attorney General, Department of Public Safety, and Liquor Control Commission may incur a minimal administrative cost for enforcing the prohibition of selling powdered or crystalline alcohol for human consumption if it were to be approved by the U.S. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau.

Local Fiscal Highlights

- If powdered or crystalline alcohol were to be approved by the U.S. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, there may be a minimal cost for local law enforcement agencies to enforce the prohibition.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill prohibits the sale or offering for sale powdered or crystalline alcohol for human consumption. The bill defines "powdered or crystalline alcohol" as a product that is manufactured into a powdered or crystalline form that contains any amount of alcohol. Currently, powdered or crystalline alcohol is not approved by the U.S. Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau (TTB), which prohibits it to be sold in the states. The Attorney General, Department of Public Safety, and Liquor Control Commission (LCO) investigate and enforce liquor violations. If powdered or crystalline alcohol were approved by TTB, these agencies may incur a minimal administrative cost for enforcing the prohibition. However, the costs may be offset by the forfeitures, or cash fines, collected by LCO from liquor permit holders who are convicted of such violations. These forfeitures are deposited into the GRF. Lastly, if powdered or crystalline alcohol were approved by TTB, there may be minimal costs for local law enforcement agencies to enforce the prohibition.

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