

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 1366-01
Bill No.: HB 517
Subject: Taxation and Revenue - Sales and Use
Type: Original
Date: February 16, 2015

Bill Summary: This proposal would exempt mandatory restaurant service charges from sales tax.

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
General Revenue	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
School Districts	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)
Conservation Commission	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)
Parks, and Soil and Water	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.

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ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FULL TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Total Estimated Net Effect on FTE	0	0	0

Estimated Net Effect (expenditures or reduced revenues) expected to exceed \$100,000 in any of the three fiscal years after implementation of the act.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Local Government	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)	(Less than \$100,000)

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Office of Administration - Division of Budget and Planning (BAP)** assume this proposal would exempt mandatory gratuities at restaurants from state sales tax. BAP officials noted that due to recent change in the federal Internal Revenue Service rules regarding mandatory gratuities for federal tax purposes, most restaurants have begun moving away from charging these mandatory fees. Therefore, BAP officials assume this proposal would reduce Total State Revenue by less than \$100,000 and General Revenue by less than \$71,000 per year.

BAP officials provided an estimate of revenue reduction by fund for this proposal as follows.

Fund or Entity	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
General Revenue	\$28,000	\$71,000	\$71,000
Conservation	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Parks, and Soil and Water	\$1,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Education	\$9,000	\$24,000	\$24,000
Total	\$71,000	\$100,000	\$100,000

Oversight has no independent information regarding the amount of mandatory service charges at restaurants, and will assume for fiscal note purposes the BAP estimate is the best available. Oversight notes the full year estimate of \$100,000 in revenues would indicate a taxable sales base of $(\$100,000 / .04225) = \$2,366,864$. For convenience, Oversight will round that amount to \$2.4 million and compute sales taxes on that amount as shown in the following table.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

		Estimated Revenue Reduction	
Fund	Sales Tax Rate	Ten Months	Twelve Months
General Revenue	3.000%	\$60,000	\$72,000
School District Trust	1.000%	\$20,000	\$24,000
Conservation Commission	0.125%	\$2,500	\$3,000
Parks, and Soil and Water	0.100%	\$2,000	\$22,400
Local Governments *	3.880%	\$77,600	\$93,100
* The 3.88 percent average local government sales tax rate was calculated by Oversight based on tax collections reported by the Department of Revenue.			

For fiscal note purposes, **Oversight** will indicate a revenue reduction less than \$100,000 per year for the General Revenue Fund, other state funds that receive sales tax revenues, and for local governments.

Oversight is aware that sales tax revenues in the School District Trust Fund are distributed, along with other revenues, to local school districts but will not include those transfers in this fiscal note.

ASSUMPTION (continued)

Although officials from the **Office of the Secretary of State (SOS)** did not respond to our request for information, SOS officials responded as follows to similar proposals.

SOS officials assume many bills considered by the General Assembly include provisions allowing or requiring agencies to submit rules and regulations to implement the act. The SOS is provided with core funding to handle a certain amount of normal activity resulting from each year's legislative session. The fiscal impact for this fiscal note to the Secretary of State's Office for Administrative Rules is less than \$2,500. The SOS recognizes that this is a small amount and does not expect that additional funding would be required to meet these costs. However, we also recognize that many such bills may be passed by the General Assembly in a given year and that collectively the costs may be greater than our office can sustain with our core budget. Therefore, we reserve the right to request funding for the cost of supporting administrative rules requirements should the need arise based on a review of the finally approved bills signed by the governor.

Officials from the **Joint Committee on Administrative Rules** and the **Department of Revenue** assume this proposal would not have a fiscal impact to their organizations.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
GENERAL REVENUE FUND			
<u>Revenue reduction</u>			
Sales tax exemption Section 144.020	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUND	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u> (Continued)	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUST FUND			
<u>Revenue reduction</u>			
Sales tax exemption Section 144.020	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUST FUND	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)
CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND			
<u>Revenue reduction</u>			
Sales tax exemption Section 144.020	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON CONSERVATION COMMISSION FUND	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)
PARKS, AND SOIL AND WATER FUNDS			
<u>Revenue reduction</u>			
Sales tax exemption Section 144.020	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON PARKS, AND SOIL AND WATER FUNDS	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2016 (10 Mo.)	FY 2017	FY 2018
LOCAL GOVERNMENTS			
<u>Revenue reduction</u>			
Sales tax exemption Section 144.020	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)
ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENTS	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)	(Less than <u>\$100,000</u>)

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

This proposal could have a direct fiscal impact to small businesses which operate restaurants.

FISCAL DESCRIPTION

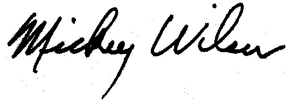
This proposal would exempt mandatory restaurant service charges from sales tax.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Joint Committee on Administrative Rules
Office of Administration
Division of Budget and Planning
Department of Revenue

Not responding:
Office of the Secretary of State



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