



**FISCAL NOTE**

**Senate Bill 321**

Committee: Tourism

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**Senate Bill 321** as introduced creates wholesaler and retail licenses to be issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board, to distribute and sell mixed spirit beverages, which could increase receipts to the State General Fund by an estimated \$44,300 and increase receipts to the Board by an estimated \$5.5 million to issue the following licenses in the following amounts:

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Mixed spirit beverage wholesaler license	\$550, \$200 for each additional warehouse
Beer, wine, and mixed spirit beverage wholesaler license	\$1,000, \$200 for each additional warehouse
Limited mixed spirit beverage expanded retail license	\$500

Further, this bill levies a privilege or excise tax on the volume of sales of mixed spirit beverages at \$.98 per 12 fluid ounces or fractional part thereof which would be distributed as follows:

- State General Fund - \$0.65 per 12 fluid ounces
- ABC Board - \$0.10 per 12 fluid ounces
- Alabama Law Enforcement Agency / ABC Board - \$0.15 per 12 fluid ounces
- Treasury of the municipality or county where sold - \$0.08 per 12 fluid ounces.

According to the Board, estimated tax receipts generated from this new tax levy would generate \$3.9 million for an estimated loss of \$890,000 annually.

Finally, this bill would increase the obligations of the ABC Board by a board estimated \$1.2 million to implement and administer the online responsible vendor program course of instruction for employees of retail licensees free of charge.