



## FISCAL NOTE

### Senate Bill 316

Committee: Economic Development and  
Tourism

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**Senate Bill 316** as reported by the Committee on Economic Development and Tourism could increase receipts to the State General Fund by: (1) an undetermined amount dependent upon the number of new educational tourism distillery licenses that could be issued by the Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) Board pursuant to this bill, at \$1,000 per licensee; (2) an estimated \$11,500 if all current beer and wine license holders purchase both a beer wholesaler license and a wine wholesaler license at an additional \$350 per license pursuant to the provisions of this bill; and (3) an undetermined amount from any penalties and late fees imposed on certain licensees pursuant to the provisions of this bill.

This bill could also increase receipts to the Public Welfare Trust Fund, the Alabama Special Mental Health Fund, the State General Fund and to counties and municipalities by an undetermined amount dependent upon the markup and tax imposed upon all liquor manufactured on the premises of an educational tourism distillery licensee that is dispensed or sold at retail for on-premises or off-premises consumption pursuant to the provisions of this bill.

Further this bill could increase receipts to the State General Fund by a board-estimated \$2.5 million annually from license fees established for licenses issued by the ABC Board for wholesalers and retailers that distribute and sell mixed spirit beverages. The license fees are as follows:

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Initial &amp; Renewal License Fees</u>
Mixed Spirit Beverage Wholesaler License	\$550 plus \$200 for each additional warehouse



<u>License Type</u>	<u>Initial &amp; Renewal License Fees</u>
Beer, Wine, and Mixed Spirit Beverage Wholesaler License	\$1,000 plus \$200 for each additional warehouse
Mixed Spirit Expanded Retail License	\$500

This bill could also increase receipts to any county that levies a complementary local privilege or license tax for the purpose of covering the administrative costs by an undetermined amount dependent on the rate of such tax, up to one-half of the state rate, and the amount of products sold in the respective locality.

This bill would also prohibit municipalities from basing the cost of a municipal business license for wholesalers, importers, or retailers on the volume of mixed spirit beverages sold.

Further, this bill would levy a privilege or excise tax on the sales of mixed spirit beverages at a rate of \$0.035 per ounce or fractional part thereof, which would be distributed as follows:

- State General Fund - 50%
- ABC Board - 50%

According to the Board, the levy of this tax would reduce estimated tax receipts to the various funds where liquor taxes are deposited by an estimated cumulative \$2.6 million annually due to these products currently being taxed in the same manner as liquor.

This bill would also increase the obligations of the ABC Board by an undetermined amount to inspect new licensees, establish forms, and adopt rules to enforce the provisions of this bill.