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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Overall, the provisions of the bill appear to have little direct fiscal impact on the state or political subdivisions. However, by easing current restrictions on the sale of ice cream containing alcohol, the bill could lead to some few additional ice cream manufacturers applying for the A5 liquor permit that is required for producing ice cream with alcohol. As of May 2019, there were two ice cream manufacturers with pending A5 permit applications. The A5 permit fee is $1,000 per manufacturing plant. The proceeds from these permits are deposited into the Undivided Liquor Permits Fund (Fund 7066) and subsequently distributed to (1) the Division of Liquor Control in the Department of Commerce for regulatory oversight, (2) the general funds of local governments where permit premises are located, and (3) the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services for alcohol addiction programming. Specifically, the bill allows a manufacturer of alcoholic ice cream to ship alcoholic ice cream to a personal consumer via an H liquor permit holder (a shipper permitted to transport beer, intoxicating liquor, and alcohol) and sell alcoholic ice cream to retail liquor permit holders for resale to personal consumers. The bill further removes any restrictions on the amount of alcoholic ice cream that a personal consumer may purchase on any given day.