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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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Version: As Introduced

Primary Sponsor: Rep. Barhorst

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No

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The bill appears to have no direct fiscal effect on the state or political subdivisions. Specifically, the bill exempts certain brewers, specifically those that annually manufacture less than 250,000 barrels of beer (approximately 7.8 million gallons), from the Alcohol Franchise Law. This allows small brewers to enter franchise agreements with distributors that are not subject to the general requirements of the Alcohol Franchise Law (see the [LSC bill analysis](#) for background). The bill does not affect the state permit process or otherwise require any actions by the Division of Liquor Control within the Department of Commerce. As of this writing, there are approximately 400 small or craft breweries in Ohio that would fall under the exemption in the bill.