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**H.B. 194**
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# Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

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**Version:** In House Judiciary

**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. It does not appear to affect any required permits or require any actions by the Division of Liquor Control within the Department of Commerce or political subdivisions.

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. The bill therefore allows these brewers to enter franchise agreements that are not subject to the general requirements of the Alcohol Franchise Law (see the LSC bill analysis for details of the Alcohol Franchise Law). As of October 2025, there are approximately 400 small or craft breweries in Ohio that would fall under the exemption in the bill.