

FISCAL NOTE
HB 3210 - SB 3316

March 20, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Enacts the "Tennessee Responsible Vendor Act of 2006." Requires the Department of Agriculture to establish a responsible vendors program, including training, to prevent the sale of beer to underage persons. Authorizes the Department to adopt rules and regulations for monitoring compliance, revoking or suspending vendor certification, and collecting fees from vendors and stores participating in the program.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures –
\$125,000 Responsible Vendor Certification Fund
Increase State Revenues –
\$125,000 Responsible Vendor Certification Fund

Increase Local Govt. Revenues – Net Impact – Less than \$100,000

Assumptions:

- The Department of Agriculture will need three additional positions and related expenses to conduct the program.
- The Department of Agriculture will have additional expenditures to conduct hearings under the provisions of this bill.
- The bill imposes a fee of \$35 for the issuance of certification as a responsible vendor and \$25 fee/store location that sells beer for off-premises consumption.
- A sufficient number of vendors and stores paying fees to generate sufficient funding to offset expenditures.
- Increases civil penalties for non-certified vendors from \$1,500 to \$2,500 and decreases penalties for certified vendors from \$1,500 to \$1,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director