

SB 196-FN-A - AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE

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SENATE BILL ***196-FN-A***

AN ACT relative to liquor revenues deposited into the alcohol abuse prevention and treatment fund.

SPONSORS: Sen. Kahn, Dist 10; Sen. Feltes, Dist 15; Sen. Fuller Clark, Dist 21; Rep. Lisle, Hills. 35; Rep. Shepardson, Ches. 10; Rep. Horrigan, Straf. 6; Rep. Read, Rock. 17; Rep. Abbott, Ches. 1

COMMITTEE: Finance

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ANALYSIS

This bill increases the amount of liquor revenues to be deposited into the alcohol abuse prevention and treatment fund.

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.  
Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struck through]~~  
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

*In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen*

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*Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:*

1            1 Liquor Commission; Funds. Amend RSA 176:16, III to read as follows:

2            III. ~~[1-7]~~ **3.4** percent of the previous fiscal year gross profits derived by the commission from  
3 the sale of liquor shall be deposited into the alcohol abuse prevention and treatment fund  
4 established by RSA 176-A:1. For the purpose of this section, gross profit shall be defined as total  
5 operating revenue minus the cost of sales and services as presented in the state of New Hampshire  
6 comprehensive annual financial report, statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in net  
7 position for proprietary funds.

8            2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.

**SB 196-FN-A- FISCAL NOTE**  
AS AMENDED BY THE SENATE (AMENDMENT #2017-0460s)

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**FISCAL IMPACT:**    ☒ State                      ☐ County                      ☐ Local                      ☐ None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
<b>Appropriation</b>	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
<b>Revenue</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Expenditures</b>	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase	Indeterminable Increase
<b>Funding Source:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> General Liquor	<input type="checkbox"/> Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Highway	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other -

**METHODOLOGY:**

Beginning in FY 2018, this bill increases from 1.7 percent to 3.4 percent the percentages of the previous year's gross Liquor profits deposited into the Alcohol Abuse Prevention and Treatment Fund. Gross profits were \$194.5 million in FY 2016 according to the Liquor Commission. Had the increase been applicable to FY 2017, this would have resulted in an increase of approximately \$3.3 million (6,613,000 at 3.4%, minus \$3,330,650 at 1.7% = \$3,282,350) in the amount deposited into the Fund. This bill will indirectly decrease state general fund revenue, in that gross Liquor profits are transferred to the general fund at the end of each fiscal year.

The Department of Health and Human Services states the Governor's Commission on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Prevention, Treatment, and Recovery, who disperses funds from the Fund, indicates the additional funds will be expended to continue existing work in prevention, treatment and recovery supports.

**AGENCIES CONTACTED:**

Liquor Commission, Department of Administrative Services, and Department of Health and Human Services