



153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL NOTE

BILL: SENATE BILL NO. 168
SPONSOR: Senator Walsh
DESCRIPTION: AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 4 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS.

Assumptions:

1. This Act becomes effective upon signature by the Governor and expires three years after enactment unless renewed.
2. This Act allows for the delivery of alcoholic liquors from any entity with a valid off premise license.
3. Delaware currently has 319 off-premise license establishments. This Act would require the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement (DATE) to expand its compliance and investigative operations to oversee the new license category for third-party delivery vendors associated with these establishments. Enhanced operations would include monitoring and preventing underage access, ensuring proper ID verification, verifying sales volumes and distribution practices, preventing over-service, enforcing restrictions on prohibited delivery locations, ensuring that alcohol is properly secured during delivery, and confirming that all orders delivered within Delaware originate from licensed Delaware establishments.
4. The DATE estimates it would require an additional 2.0 FTE, Alcohol & Tobacco Police Officer III, to perform compliance and enforcement duties. The DATE's estimated costs for Fiscal Year 2027 are \$179,988 and one-time costs of \$57,680, and are as follows:
 - a. The Fiscal Year 2027 personnel costs, including OECs at a rate of 33.41%, for the Alcohol & Tobacco Police Officer III positions are estimated at \$137,912, and one-time funding of \$57,680 for projected technology equipment, furniture costs, uniform, radio, weapon, and other equipment needs related to the startup of the position.
 - b. \$42,076 estimated to support annual costs for Fleet Services, ammunition, body-worn camera subscription, and cellular data access needs related to the positions.
5. Lastly, the Fiscal Year 2027 personnel costs have been estimated for six months of funding, with the annualization of the remaining six months incorporated into the subsequent year estimates. Additionally, a 2% inflation cost has been included for projected increases in salary and OECs.

Cost:

	<u>One-Time</u>	<u>Operating/Recurring</u>
Fiscal Year 2027:	\$57,680	\$179,988
Fiscal Year 2028:		\$323,417
Fiscal Year 2029:		\$329,044

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