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SPONSOR: M. Sanchez DATE TYPED: 2/5/01 HB

SHORT TITLE: Remove Open Containers Exception SB 246

ANALYST: Rael

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

SB 246 removes an exception to the prohibition against alcoholic beverages in open containers in motor vehicles. Currently “any person who is employed by a person licensed by the Liquor Control Act while discharging his duties as an employee is exempted out of the prohibition,” but SB 246 amends this exemption.

Significant Issues

SB 246 makes the current Liquor Control Act more restrictive.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Alcohol and Gaming Division is already enforcing the Liquor Control Act so there will not be any added administrative cost. SB 246 has the potential to save the State and society in general by slightly lowering the DWI accident rate.

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