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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/18/13

SPONSOR HBIC LAST UPDATED 03/14/13 HB 614/HBICS

SHORT TITLE Transfers of Liquor Dispenser's Licenses SB _____

ANALYST Martinez

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY13	FY14	FY15	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD)

New Mexico Municipal League (NMML)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The House Business and Industry Committee substitute for House Bill 614 would amend section 60-6B-12 by adding language that would prohibit a location transfer of a liquor license from a local option district that is a class A county in which the number of licenses is at or below the maximum permitted in that local option. Additional new language would allow a local option district that is at or below the maximum number of liquor licenses permitted in that local option to transfer their liquor license to a location within the same local option district or to another local option district within the same county.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No Fiscal Impact

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The RLD comments:

There are currently licenses that are not being used in local option districts that have a low population, because the previous operator of the license has died, retired or closed his business, but there is no potential buyer/lessee in that area, because it is located in a less populated area.

Therefore, this bill would allow those licenses to be bought/sold/leased in other locations where there is a higher demand.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Alcohol and Gaming staff may be required to review and process the additional applications. The Division could incur some additional costs for staff time, paper, postage and license certificates. But reports the impact would not be significant.

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