

- Commission continues to issue decisions within the 45-day goal
- 1.346 million in forfeitures collected in FY 2001 for GRF

## Liquor Control Commission

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### ROLE

The Liquor Control Commission (LCO) is the rule-making and adjudication agency that oversees the alcohol beverage industry in Ohio. The commission's activities include the following: 1) making and interpreting rules regarding liquor production, sales, advertising, etc.; 2) hearing and ruling on cases regarding violations of liquor laws that could result in the suspension or revocation of a liquor permit; 3) hearing and ruling on appeals of decisions of the Division of Liquor Control concerning liquor permit renewals and distribution; and 4) hearing and ruling on appeals of liquor permit revocations and of permit non-renewals due to sales tax delinquency.

Agency In Brief					
Number of Employees	Total Appropriations-All Funds		GRF Appropriations		Appropriation Bill(s)
	2002	2003	2002	2003	
9	\$738,000	\$756,000	\$0	\$0	Am. Sub. H.B. 94

### OVERVIEW

The Liquor Control Commission's budget consists of one fund, the Liquor Control Fund. This fund is used to operate the commission as well as the Division of Liquor Control in the Department of Commerce and the Liquor Enforcement Division in the Department of Public Safety. Appropriations in FY 2002 represent an 11 percent increase over FY 2001, although FY 2002 appropriations are 29.6 percent higher than FY 2001 actual expenditures. FY 2003 appropriations are 2.5 percent higher than FY 2002. The increase in appropriations was needed by the commission in order to replace an existing copy machine with a new digital copier and to improve the exchange of information between the commission and its partner agencies.

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## **BUDGET ISSUES**

### ***PERSONAL SERVICES AND PURCHASED SERVICES***

The Liquor Control Commission spends about 81 percent of their total budget on personal services and purchased items. Since the commission reacts to the activities of the Department of Public Safety, Division of Liquor Control, Attorney General, Department of Taxation, permit holders, and others, it is difficult to predict how much of their services will be required. Therefore, by increasing the commission's technology, LCO will be able to improve the exchange of information with its partner agencies and help ensure uninterrupted and efficient service. G

**FY 2002 - 2003 Final Appropriation Amounts**

**All Fund Groups**

<i>Line Item Detail by Agency</i>			<i>FY 1999:</i>	<i>FY 2000:</i>	<i>FY 2001:</i>	<i>FY 2002 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2001 to 2002:</i>	<i>FY 2003 Appropriations:</i>	<i>% Change 2002 to 2003:</i>
<b>Report For: Main Operating Appropriations Bill</b>			<b>Version: Enacted</b>						
<b>LCO Liquor Control Commission</b>									
GRF	970-100	Personal Service	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
GRF	970-200	Maintenance	\$ 0	\$ 0		\$ 0	N/A	\$ 0	N/A
GRF	970-300	Equipment	\$ 0	---		---	N/A	---	N/A
<b>General Revenue Fund Total</b>			<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>N/A</b>
043	970-321	Operating Expenses	\$ 603,440	\$ 640,902	\$ 569,778	\$ 738,135	29.55%	\$ 756,472	2.48%
<b>Liquor Control Fund Group Total</b>			<b>\$ 603,440</b>	<b>\$ 640,902</b>	<b>\$ 569,778</b>	<b>\$ 738,135</b>	<b>29.55%</b>	<b>\$ 756,472</b>	<b>2.48%</b>
<b>Liquor Control Commission Total</b>			<b>\$ 603,440</b>	<b>\$ 640,902</b>	<b>\$ 569,778</b>	<b>\$ 738,135</b>	<b>29.55%</b>	<b>\$ 756,472</b>	<b>2.48%</b>