



Ohio Legislative Service Commission

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Fiscal Note & Local Impact Statement

Bill: H.B. 97 of the 128th G.A.

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Status: As Introduced

Sponsor: Rep. Zehringer

Local Impact Statement Procedure Required: No — Offsetting revenues

Contents: To amend sections 3717.43 and 3717.47 of the Revised Code regarding temporary food service operations

State Fiscal Highlights

- No direct fiscal effect on the state.

Local Fiscal Highlights

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

FY 2010 – Future Years

Local Boards of Health

Revenues

Potential minimal effect

Expenditures

Potential minimal effect

Note: For most local governments, the fiscal year is the calendar year. The school district fiscal year is July 1 through June 30.

- The bill increases, from 10 to 20, the number of licenses for temporary food service operations that can be obtained each year by the same operator. As a result, local boards of health could realize a gain in license fee revenues from additional temporary licenses. However, there would be administrative time involved with processing the additional licenses.
- The bill exempts a temporary food service operation from inspection if it remains under the same operator and in the same location as a previous temporary food service operation that was inspected in the preceding 30-day period. As a result, local boards could realize a decrease in expenditures if staff conduct fewer inspections as a result of the exemptions. However, it is possible that there could be a decrease in license fee revenues if license fees are adjusted to reflect this.

Detailed Fiscal Analysis

The bill increases from 10 to 20 the number of licenses for temporary food service operations that can be obtained each year by the same operator within a certain jurisdiction. The bill also exempts a temporary food service operation from inspection if it remains under the same operator and in the same location as a previous temporary food service operation that was inspected in the preceding 30-day period.

State fiscal impacts

According to the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), it does not collect any portion of temporary license fees issued by local boards of health. Additionally, ODH would only become a licensor if the Director of Health disapproved a local board of health inspection program and a local health jurisdiction within reasonable proximity was unwilling to become the alternative licensor for the health district. According to ODH, this has never happened to date. Thus, it appears that there will be no fiscal impact to ODH.

The Ohio Department of Agriculture also anticipates no fiscal impact as a result of the bill.

Local fiscal impacts

As a result of the bill, local boards of health could experience a gain in fee revenue from possible additional licenses. However, there would likely be some administrative costs involved with processing the additional licenses.

Boards could realize a decrease in expenditures if staff conduct fewer inspections as a result of the exemptions. However, it is possible that there could be a decrease in license fee revenues if license fees are adjusted to reflect this.