153rd GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FEE IMPACT

BILL:	**SENATE BILL NO. 243**
SPONSOR:	**Senator Cruce**
DESCRIPTION:	**AN ACT TO AMEND TITLE 4 OF THE DELAWARE CODE RELATING TO ALCOHOL.**

In accordance with 29 Del. C. § 913, the following information is provided relating to licenses and fees.

Description of the Legislation:
This Act amends Title 4 of the Delaware Code relating to the regulation of alcoholic liquors. Among other changes, it establishes and modifies certain licensing structures, clarifies regulatory authority, creates a new special event license, and expands eligibility for a bottle club license for businesses offering creative arts experiences.

Affected Entities:
The Office of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner (OABCC) and the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement.

Fiscal Impact:
This Act results in both new fees and clarifications of existing fees under the authority of the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commissioner.

More specifically, the Act establishes a biennial special event license fee structure as follows: (1) $1,000 for a license to hold 12 or fewer special events per calendar year, and (2) $2,000 for a license to hold more than 12 special events per calendar year.

Secondly, the Act expands eligibility for a bottle club license to include a business establishment where persons pay a fee to participate in a creative arts experience, including painting, pottery-making, candle-making, and other similar activities, among other eligibility criteria, at a biennial license fee of $300.

These represent a new or expanded fee category that will generate additional revenue based on the number of applicants seeking licensure. However, the number of entities that may apply for these license types upon the enactment of this Act is unknown. Therefore, the additional revenue is indeterminable.

Fiscal Year 2027: Indeterminable
Fiscal Year 2028: Indeterminable
Fiscal Year 2029: Indeterminable

Intended Use of Revenue:
License fees are deposited into the General Fund.

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