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LEGISLATIVE BILL REVIEW FORM: 2013

Bill Number: H.305 **Name of Bill:** An relating to permitting alcoholic beverages to be served at community events

Agency/ Dept: Department of Public Safety – Vermont State Police **Author of Bill Review:** Trooper Jerry Partin
Date of Bill Review: 03/19/15 **Status of Bill: (check one):**

☒ X **Upon Introduction** ☐ **As passed by 1st body** ☐ **As passed by both bodies** ☐ **Fiscal**

Recommended Position:

☐ **Support** ☒ X **Oppose** ☐ **Remain Neutral** ☐ **Support with modifications identified in #8 below**

Analysis of Bill

1. **Summary of bill and issue it addresses.** This bill proposes to allow the Liquor Control Board to issue permits allowing the permit holder to serve malt beverages, vinous beverages, or both by the glass to the public for a period of six hours, during an event held for a charitable, educational, or public purpose.
2. **Is there a need for this bill?** There is not a need for this bill. Licenses and permits are already issued for special events and festivals.
3. **What are likely to be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for this Department?** There is a high likelihood of increased enforcement needs due to alcohol related incidents. The public will travel to the events by motor vehicle which could result in an increase of DUI incidents which is a risk to public safety. Additional Troopers may be needed to provide extra patrols and enforcement.
4. **What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for other departments in state government, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?** The result of this bill would likely put a strain on the Department of Public Safety. An increase for the need of additional police officers to respond to alcohol related incidents such as DUI's, underage drinking, disorderly conduct and domestic violence.
5. **What might be the fiscal and programmatic implications of this bill for others, and what is likely to be their perspective on it?** State, local police departments and Sheriff Departments would have to increase personnel for the likely increase of calls for service for alcohol related incidents. The Department of Corrections would have an increase of intake for protective custody and prisoners, which could affect staffing. There would be an increase of incidents where the Health Department would need to respond to screen persons due to intoxication.

6. Other Stakeholders:

6.1 Who else is likely to support the proposal and why? Licensed retailers selling malt and vinous beverages for increased revenue. Charitable, nonprofit and public organizations would support the bill because more people would be likely to attend the events.

6.2 Who else is likely to oppose the proposal and why? The League of Cities and Towns because of the strain to public service and possible liabilities within the town or city limits. State's Attorneys would oppose the bill because of an increased case load.

7. Rationale for recommendation: The Liquor Control Board currently issues licenses and permits for special public events and festivals. An increase of drunk or impaired drivers on Vermont roadways would be a risk to public safety. An increase of police personnel and enforcement in Vermont would more than likely need to increase.

8. Specific modifications that would be needed to recommend support of this bill: This bill would not be supported after any modifications. The Vermont State Police would not support the issuance of permits of licenses beyond what Liquor Control already issues.



Secretary/Commissioner has reviewed this document: _____ *Date:* 4/30/15