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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/07/12
LAST UPDATED 02/15/12 **HB** _____
SPONSOR Ryan

SHORT TITLE Alcohol Serving Hours on Sundays **SB** 144/aSfI#1
ANALYST Wilson

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY12	FY13	FY14	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		Minimal	Minimal		Recurring	

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Attorney General’s Office (AGO)
 Department of Public Safety (DPS)
 Regulation & Licensing Department (RLD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SfI#1 Amendment

On page 3, line 1, strike “10:00” and insert in lieu thereof “11:00”. Also on page 3, line 6, strike “10:00” and insert in lieu thereof “11:00”.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 144 amends Section 60-7A-1 of the Liquor Control Act. The bill increases the number hours for consumption of alcohol on Sundays on a licensed premise. The bill changes the legal start time from noon to 10:00 am on Sundays except as otherwise provided for restaurant licenses pursuant to Section 60-6A-4 NMSA 1978 and allows alcohol sales from 10:00 am to 2:00 am of the following day when December 31 falls on a Sunday except as otherwise provided for restaurant licenses pursuant to Section 60-6A-4 NMSA 1978, Restaurant License.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be a minimal administrative cost for statewide update, distribution and documentation of statutory changes. Any additional fiscal impact on the judiciary would be proportional to the enforcement of this law and the number of petitions filed. New laws, amendments to existing

laws and new hearings have the potential to increase caseloads in the courts, thus requiring additional resources to handle the increase.

RLD foresees little to no financial impact on them. DPS claims there are no fiscal implications for DPS.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The bill increase the number of hours for alcohol consumption on Sundays except for restaurant licensees who are required to stop serving alcohol when meal service ceases or at 11:00 pm, whichever is earlier.

When December 31 falls on a Sunday, SB 144 changes the hours of alcohol service to begin at 10:00 am and end at 2:00 am except in local option districts that have voted to disallow Sunday sales.

SB 144 leaves unchanged the Sunday start times for off-premise sales of alcohol.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Little to no fiscal impact is foreseen for RLD. The DPS will need to schedule agents earlier in the day to conduct enforcement activities, but they can handle the provision in this bill as part of their ongoing responsibilities.

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