

Department of Planning and Budget
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Bill Number: HB1484

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Bill Title: Alcoholic beverage control; designated outdoor refreshment areas.

Bill Summary: Allows up to two permitted breweries or wineries to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption in an area designated for the designated outdoor refreshment area during an event held by the designated outdoor refreshment area licensee. The bill allows designated outdoor refreshment area licensees that are nonprofit organizations to sell tickets or charge for wristbands for an event to cover expenses of the event and also only requires such licensee to provide adequate security for an event as deemed appropriate by the local law-enforcement agency.

The bill also provides that a designated outdoor refreshment area licensee that is a nonprofit organization shall be permitted to receive in-kind and financial sponsorships and donations from a manufacturer and may collect participation fees from breweries, wineries, and retail licensees for events held under a designated outdoor refreshment area license.

Lastly, the bill allows (i) a designated outdoor refreshment area licensee that is a nonprofit organization to obtain a banquet special event license or a mixed beverage special event license and (ii) a brewery, winery, cidery, or distillery to obtain a manufacturer's beer or wine event license for an event to be held within the boundaries of the designated outdoor refreshment area, including an event hosted by the designated outdoor area licensee that is a nonprofit organization, as long as any such event held pursuant to clause (i) or (ii) is not held at the same time as an event utilizing the designated outdoor refreshment area license. The bill provides that any such event held pursuant to clause (i) or (ii) shall not count toward the 16 events per-year limit for designated outdoor refreshment area licenses.

Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

Items Impacted: N/A

Explanation: N/A

Fiscal Summary: No material state fiscal impact.

Fiscal Analysis: According to the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority, this bill is not expected to have a material fiscal impact on agency operations.

Other: None.