

Department of Planning and Budget
2026 General Assembly Session
State Fiscal Impact Statement

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ORIGINAL

Bill Number: HB934H1

Patron: Simon

Bill Title: Alcoholic beverage control; government stores; distiller's licensees as agents of the Board; sale of alcoholic beverages.

Bill Summary: Allows the holder of a distiller's license or its officers and employees to be appointed by the Board of Directors of the Virginia Alcoholic Beverage Control Authority (ABC) as an agent of the Board for the sale of certain spirits and low alcohol beverage coolers at government stores established by the Board at the site of a farmer's market.

The bill also allows such agents of the Board to sell spirits, beer, wine, or cider for on-premises or off-premises consumption, provided that the spirits, beer, wine, or cider are manufactured within the same licensed premises or on contiguous premises of such agent licensed as a distillery, brewery, or winery. Under current law, such agents of the Board are permitted to give samples of such alcoholic beverages. The bill also removes certain limitations on the amounts of alcoholic beverages that may be given or sold by such agents of the Board in those circumstances.

Budget Amendment Necessary: Yes.

Items Impacted: Front Page, Part 3, Item 489.

Explanation: See below.

Fiscal Summary: According to ABC, it will need two compliance agents, and one license technician, totaling \$310,196 annually, including salary and benefits. ABC will also incur one-time operating expenses for training and equipment in fiscal year 2027, totaling \$20,000.

All ABC profits transfer to the general fund. Any additional costs incurred by ABC that do not result in additional revenues will reduce the amount of ABC profits going to the general fund. The reduction to ABC profits as a result of this proposal would need to be accounted for under transfers to the general fund in the front page of the budget, as well as in Section 3-1.01.

General Fund Revenue Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
ABC	\$0	(\$330,196)	(\$310,196)	(\$310,196)	(\$310,196)	(\$310,196)
TOTAL	\$0	(\$330,196)	(\$310,196)	(\$310,196)	(\$310,196)	(\$310,196)

Nongeneral Fund Expenditure Impact:

<u>Agency</u>	<u>FY2026</u>	<u>FY2027</u>	<u>FY2028</u>	<u>FY2029</u>	<u>FY2030</u>	<u>FY2031</u>
ABC	0	\$330,196	\$310,196	\$310,196	\$310,196	\$310,196

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TOTAL	0	\$330,196	\$310,196	\$310,196	\$310,196	\$310,196
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Position Impact:

Agency	FY2026	FY2027	FY2028	FY2029	FY2030	FY2031
ABC		3	3	3	3	3
TOTAL		3	3	3	3	3

Fiscal Analysis: Allowing licensees to have their food requirements satisfied through customers bringing in their own food would be a requirement that has not existed before for ABC. ABC anticipates having to hire two additional compliance agents to regulate and enforce these requirements, and one license tech to provide administrative support for additional agents and new licensee requirements.

Other: This bill is a companion to SB424.