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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6927 BILL NUMBER: SB 310 **NOTE PREPARED:** Apr 13, 2021 **BILL AMENDED:** Apr 12, 2021

SUBJECT: Minors on Nondrinking Tours.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Charbonneau BILL STATUS: As Passed House

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Smaltz

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL IMPACT: State & Local

X DEDICATED FEDERAL

<u>Summary of Legislation:</u> This bill provides that a minor may tour a certain production facility, if the minor is accompanied by a certain adult and the tour does not include the consumption, tasting, or sampling of alcoholic beverages. (Current law allows a minor to be on the premises of a farm winery or artisan distillery if accompanied by a certain adult, but not a brewery.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2021.

<u>Explanation of State Expenditures:</u> Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (ATC): The ATC would be required to administer and enforce the bill's provisions. The ATC should be able do this within existing levels of staffing and resources.

Explanation of State Revenues: The provision allowing minors to participate in tours of certain production facilities under certain conditions could potentially reduce revenue to the state General Fund and the Enforcement and Administration Fund from fines if there are fewer violations of IC 7.1-5-7-9 and IC 7.1-5-7-10. However, any decrease in revenue would likely be small.

It is a Class C infraction for a minor to knowingly or intentionally be in a public place where alcoholic beverages are sold. It is also a Class C infraction for a parent or guardian to take a minor into a place where alcohol is sold and for a permittee to allow a minor in these places. The maximum judgment for a Class C infraction is \$500, which is deposited in the state General Fund. If the ATC imposes a fine, that revenue is deposited in the Enforcement and Administration Fund.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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Explanation of Local Revenues: If there are fewer court actions filed and judgments entered, local governments could receive less revenue from court fees. However, any impact on local revenue would likely be small.

State Agencies Affected: Alcohol and Tobacco Commission.

Local Agencies Affected: Trial courts, local law enforcement agencies.

Information Sources:

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