



GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF
BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

Fiscal Note 2015 Biennium

Bill # SB0266

Title: Revise sacramental wine license laws

Primary Sponsor: Rosendale, Matthew M

Status: As Introduced

- Significant Local Gov Impact
 Needs to be included in HB 2
 Technical Concerns
 Included in the Executive Budget
 Significant Long-Term Impacts
 Dedicated Revenue Form Attached

FISCAL SUMMARY

	<u>FY 2014 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2015 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2016 Difference</u>	<u>FY 2017 Difference</u>
Expenditures:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue:				
General Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Net Impact-General Fund Balance:	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

Description of fiscal impact: SB 266 revises laws related to sacramental wine. This includes revising the definition of sacramental wine and reducing the sacramental wine license fee. There is no fiscal impact to the Department of Revenue.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

Assumptions:

- SB 266 revises the definition of sacramental wine to include alcohol volume limitations between 0.5% and 24%. It also revises the definition of table wine distributor to include sacramental wine as an additional type of product that they can import into or purchase in Montana.
- This bill taxes sacramental wine at the same level as table wine, or 27 cents per liter. Currently all sacramental wine that is more than 16% alcohol by volume must go through the state liquor warehouse and is taxed as liquor.
- Total tax collected on sacramental wine sold through the state liquor warehouse during FY 2012 was less than \$250. Any change in taxes collected would be minimal.

4. SB 266 allows the department to issue a sacramental wine license to an establishment located outside Montana. In addition, the fee for a sacramental wine license is reduced from \$200 to \$100. The renewal fee is reduced from \$100 to \$50.
5. There is currently 1 sacramental wine license issued. The DOR anticipates the number of new licensees will be minimal (less than 5). Therefore any change in revenue will be minimal.
6. Any additional work due to new applications and renewals could be absorbed by current staff.

Sponsor's Initials

Date

Budget Director's Initials

Date