

FOR THE CONSENT CALENDAR

COMMERCE

SB 669-FN, relative to on-premises licenses for licensed barbershops and salons.

Ought to Pass with Amendment, Vote 6-0.

Senator Keith Murphy for the committee.

Barbershops and salons can currently purchase a liquor license for \$100 per year that allows them to give away one free drink to each customer. This bill, as drafted, would raise the fee to \$480. It was the sponsor's intent to allow those hair-service licensees to sell that one drink if they wish, rather than give it away, but the bill as introduced did not accomplish that goal. The committee amendment addresses this error by keeping the existing license unchanged, but would also create a second tier license at \$480 that would meet the sponsor's intent. Licensees would still be limited to one drink per customer, and would face the same training requirement already applied to all other liquor license types.