

HB 1237-FN - AS AMENDED BY THE HOUSE

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HOUSE BILL ***1237-FN***

AN ACT relative to the definition of cigar bar.

SPONSORS: Rep. Cloutier, Sull. 10; Rep. Stapleton, Sull. 5

COMMITTEE: Commerce and Consumer Affairs

AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill allows cigar bars to sell cigarettes and loose tobacco.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics***.
 Matter removed from current law appears ~~[in brackets and struckthrough]~~
 Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Two

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Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 1 On-Premises Cigar, Beverage, and Liquor Licenses. Amend RSA 178:20-a, II(a) to read as
2 follows:

3 (a) Generates 60 percent or more of its quarterly gross revenue from the sale of cigar-
4 related products, which is limited to cigars, ***cigarettes, loose tobacco***, humidors, cigar cutters,
5 cigar cases, lighters, and ashtrays. Revenue from keno, mail order and Internet sales~~[, as well as~~
6 ~~revenue generated from other tobacco sales in store, including cigarettes and loose tobacco sales,]~~
7 shall not be used to determine whether an establishment satisfies the definition of a cigar bar.

8 2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

HB 1237-FN- FISCAL NOTE
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FISCAL IMPACT: ☒ State ☐ County ☐ Local ☐ None

STATE:	Estimated Increase / (Decrease)			
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025
Appropriation	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Revenue	\$0	Indeterminable	Indeterminable	Indeterminable
Expenditures	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Funding Source:	☒ General ☐ Education ☐ Highway ☒ Other - Liquor Fund			

METHODOLOGY:

This bill, as amended by the House, would add the sale of cigarettes and loose tobacco to the category of products that will count towards the licensees requirement to generate 60 percent or more of its quarterly gross revenue from the sale of tobacco related products.

The Liquor Commission anticipates licensees not meeting the current sales requirements may benefit from this change and thereby achieve compliance with the sales requirements to maintain this license type. The Commission expects an indeterminable number of licensees will experience an increase in their revenue if the amendment were to become law. The impact on license revenue collected by the Commission is indeterminable.

AGENCIES CONTACTED:

Liquor Commission