

**COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY FISCAL NOTE STATEMENT
LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION
2021 REGULAR SESSION**

MEASURE

2021 BR NUMBER 1293

HOUSE BILL NUMBER 360/HCS 1

TITLE AN ACT relating to businesses impacted by the COVID-19 response, making an appropriation therefor and declaring an emergency.

SPONSOR Representative Lynn Bechler

FISCAL SUMMARY

STATE FISCAL IMPACT: YES NO UNCERTAIN

OTHER FISCAL STATEMENT(S) THAT MAY APPLY: ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS
 LOCAL MANDATE CORRECTIONS IMPACT HEALTH BENEFIT MANDATE

APPROPRIATION UNIT(S) IMPACTED: _____

FUND(S) IMPACTED: GENERAL ROAD FEDERAL RESTRICTED _____

FISCAL ESTIMATES	2020-2021	2021-2022	ANNUAL IMPACT AT FULL IMPLEMENTATION
REVENUES			
EXPENDITURES			
NET EFFECT			

() indicates a decrease/negative

PURPOSE OF MEASURE: The purpose of this measure is to reinstate any business license that was revoked due to COVID-19 restrictions, as well as return any fine levied due to COVID-19 restrictions.

FISCAL EXPLANATION: The fiscal impact of this bill is indeterminable for the state. The Secretary of State’s office has indicated that they can reinstate all revoked business licenses at no fiscal impact to their office. The Public Protection Cabinet (PPC) has indicated they issued no actual COVID-19 fines, as there was no COVID-19 related fines in their system to associate with it. Most fines associated with COVID-19 issued by PPC were for disorderly conduct. (Example, a business failed to implement COVID-19 restrictions so the PPC inspects and fines them for overcrowding, not COVID-19). Local health departments have also levied and collected fines, (per CHFS approximately \$1,600 for COVID-19). As most of these fines were not specifically COVID-19 fines, most agencies would not refund them. Most of the fines issued were issued by local health departments or cities and counties and they would have to reimburse the businesses themselves, which would not affect the state’s budget.

All of this together means that very few fines would be returned by the state and all revoked business licenses could be reactivated at no cost, which would make the fiscal impact negligible.

DATA SOURCE(S): CHFS and PPC

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