

By the Committee on Fiscal Resource and Senators Latvala, Cowin, Saunders and Geller

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to the alcoholic beverage surcharge; amending s. 561.501, F.S.; reducing the surcharges on liquor, wine, cider, and beer sold for consumption on the premises; amending s. 561.121, F.S.; increasing the portion of the surcharge which is transferred to the Children and Adolescents Substance Abuse Trust Fund; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Subsection (1) of section 561.501, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

561.501 Surcharge on sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises; penalty.--

(1) Notwithstanding s. 561.50 or any other provision of the Beverage Law, a surcharge of 6.67 ~~10~~ cents is imposed upon each ounce of liquor and each 4 ounces of wine, a surcharge of 4 ~~6~~ cents is imposed on each 12 ounces of cider, and a surcharge of 2.67 ~~4~~ cents is imposed on each 12 ounces of beer sold at retail for consumption on premises licensed by the division as an alcoholic beverage vendor.

Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 561.121, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

561.121 Deposit of revenue.--

(4) State funds collected pursuant to s. 561.501 shall be paid into the State Treasury and credited to the following accounts:

(a) Thirteen and six-tenths percent ~~Nine and eight-tenths~~ of the surcharge on the sale of alcoholic

1 beverages for consumption on premises shall be transferred to  
2 the Children and Adolescents Substance Abuse Trust Fund, which  
3 shall remain with the Department of Children and Family Health  
4 ~~and Rehabilitative~~ Services for the purpose of funding  
5 programs directed at reducing and eliminating substance abuse  
6 problems among children and adolescents.

7 Section 3. This act shall take effect September 1,  
8 1999.

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10 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
11 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
12 SB 102

13 The committee substitute makes the following changes to SB  
14 102:

- 15 1) Changes the reduction in the surcharge on alcoholic  
16 beverages from one-half to one-third.  
17 2) Maintains the current funding from the surcharge to the  
18 Children and Adolescents Substance Abuse Trust Fund.  
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