

By the Committee on Finance & Taxation and Representatives
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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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11 HOUSE SUMMARY

12 Reduces the surcharges on liquor, wine, cider, and beer
13 sold for consumption on the premises by one-third.
14 Increases the portion of such surcharge that is
15 transferred to the Children and Adolescents Substance
16 Abuse Trust Fund.

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