

HB 184 -- Excise Tax and Alcohol-Related Problems

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This bill creates the Fund for the Reduction of Alcohol-Related Problems and Underage Drinking to be administered by the State Treasurer. The fund will receive moneys through appropriation from increased fees for selling intoxicating liquor. Half of the moneys in the fund will be used for prevention and law enforcement and half for treatment and recovery of alcohol-related problems through statutory programs. "Alcohol-related problems" are defined and described, along with examples of services and programs.

The fee for selling both 3.2% and 5% beer is increased from six cents per gallon to 24 cents per gallon; spirituous liquor is increased from \$2 per gallon to \$4 per gallon; and wine is increased from 42 cents per gallon to 78 cents per gallon. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2012, and every fifth year thereafter, the fees collected for intoxicating beverages and the inspection fee for nonintoxicating beer will be adjusted, based on the Consumer Price Index.

The bill contains a referendum clause which must be submitted to Missouri voters in November 2006 or at a special election called by the Governor.

The provisions of the bill will expire six years from the effective date.