

HB 1247 – Alcoholic Beverages

Creates s. 562.62, F.S., prohibiting the sale of an alcoholic beverage that is intended for human consumption and is in powdered form, or contains more than 76% alcohol by volume. A first violation is a 1st degree misdemeanor and a violation after a prior conviction within the past five years is an **unranked, 3rd degree felony**.

In FY 13-14, the incarceration rate for an unranked, 3rd degree felony was 9.7%.

The Division of Alcoholic Beverages and Tobacco have not yet been contacted by manufacturers on plans for distribution or sales of powdered alcohol in the state of Florida.

Currently, s. 565.07, F.S. prohibits the sale or consumption of a distilled spirit greater than 153 proof (76.5%) within the state, although it can be distilled for export or sale outside of the state.

CONFERENCE ADOPTED ESTIMATE: Positive Insignificant

Requested by: Senate