

BILL ANALYSIS

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DIGEST AND PURPOSE

Currently, an individual is authorized to contest an application to sell beer, but may be required to pay the costs of the protest if the case is decided in favor of the applicant. As proposed, S.B. 863 prohibits an elected officer of the state or federal government from being required to pay security costs related to contesting an application to sell certain alcoholic beverages.

RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

This bill does not expressly grant any additional rulemaking authority to a state officer, institution, or agency.

SECTION BY SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends Section 61.39, Alcoholic Beverage Code, to neutralize a gender reference and to prohibit an elected officer of the state or federal government from being required to pay security costs when contesting an alcoholic beverage license application.

SECTION 2. Effective date: September 1, 2003.