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Amend the bill by striking out all of the title and inserting in its place the following:

'Resolve, Directing the Office of Substance Abuse To Study the Potential Use of Liquor License Fees and Liquor Taxes To Fund Efficient Delivery of Substance Abuse Treatment and Prevention Programs'

Further amend the bill by striking out everything after the title and inserting in its place the following:

'Sec. 1 Director of Office of Substance Abuse to study funding of substance abuse treatment and prevention programs. Resolved: That the Director of the Office of Substance Abuse within the Department of Health and Human Services shall examine potential sources of funding for the efficient and effective delivery of substance abuse prevention and treatment programs, including, but not limited to, increasing liquor licensing fees based on sales volume, increasing the taxes levied on liquor, public-private partnerships and using money from the revenue-sharing agreement between the State and the private distributor who wholesales spirits listed for sale by the State Liquor and Lottery Commission. The Director of the Office of Substance Abuse shall also examine the current funding for and adequacy of substance abuse prevention and treatment programs offered in the State and the best practices for the delivery of substance abuse prevention and treatment programs, including an examination of industry-funded programs. In conducting this study, the Director of the Office of Substance Abuse shall seek comment from the Department of Public Safety, Division of Liquor Licensing and Compliance; the Department of Administrative and Financial Services, Bureau of Alcoholic Beverages and Lottery Operations; and representatives of the alcoholic beverage industry; and be it further

Sec. 2 Reporting date established. Resolved: That the Director of the Office of Substance Abuse within the Department of Health and Human Services shall report the findings under section 1, including proposals for legislation, to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over alcoholic beverage matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over substance abuse prevention and treatment programs matters by January 15, 2007.'

SUMMARY

This amendment replaces the bill with a resolve. The resolve directs the Director of the Office of Substance Abuse within the Department of Health and Human Services to conduct a study examining potential sources of funding for the delivery of substance abuse prevention and treatment programs and to report the findings to the joint standing committees of the Legislature having jurisdiction over alcoholic beverage matters and substance abuse prevention and treatment program matters. The study must include an examination of current funding of substance abuse prevention and treatment programs and their adequacy and the best practices for the delivery of such programs.