

What's the most expensive ingredient in beer? **Taxes.**

A proposal under consideration in Springfield would increase the state excise tax on beer by 21.6 percent. This new tax would cost beer drinkers \$70 million per year, even though Illinois consumers *already pay some of the highest beer taxes in the Midwest, and almost four times greater than some neighboring states.*



Beer is taxed multiple times, meaning consumers pay not just state excise taxes but also state and local sales taxes, federal excise taxes as well as related income, payroll and property taxes. **In total, more than half the cost of beer pays only for taxes, an astounding 56%.**

Asking consumers to pay more will result in lost sales that will impact major brewers, small craft breweries, retail outlets, distributors, can and bottle manufacturers, grain and hop farmers, trucking operations and design firms.

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This is troubling when you consider the beer industry generates nearly \$14 billion a year in economic output for Illinois, directly employing 45,500 people and paying nearly \$1.6 billion in wages and benefits.

Illinois loses out on \$8 million in revenue each year from uncollected tax on beer brought into the state from lower-taxed, cross-border sales. It's estimated that will increase by another \$4.6 million if the governor's beer tax is approved. VOTE **NO** ON A BEER TAX.

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