

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1293 (Harford County Delegation)
Economic Matters

Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages
(Fire Department Beer and Wine License)

This bill creates a special Class C beer and wine license in Harford County for county fire departments. The annual license fee varies depending upon the number of events per year, as follows:

<u>Number of Events (per year)</u>	<u>Annual License Fee</u>
up to 10	\$100
11 to 20	\$200
21 to 30	\$300
31 to 40	\$400

The total number of days authorized by the special license may not exceed 40 in any calendar year. A licensee must notify the board in writing at least seven days prior to each event.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Harford County revenues would continue as discussed below. Expenditures would not be affected.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Revenues: Although the bill provides for a fluctuating fee scale depending upon the number of entertainment events held each year, Harford County revenues are assumed to be maintained. Currently, a fire department may be issued a special Class C beer and wine license at a fee of \$10 per event. Fiscal Services expects that fire departments would continue to apply for special licenses on a per event basis due to the potentially lower fees. For instance, if a fire department expects to hold 15 events in a year, it would pay \$150 in fees under existing law. Under the bill, the fire department would pay \$200 if it chose the special license for fire departments.

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