

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

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House Bill 738 (St. Mary's County Delegation)

Economic Matters

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**St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages License Applicants -  
Fingerprinting and Criminal History Records Checks**

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This bill requires the St. Mary's County Alcoholic Beverages Board to obtain criminal background checks of new alcoholic beverages license applicants. The county may impose a fee to cover the costs of such activities. Under current law, the board is required to obtain the fingerprints of new alcoholic beverages license applicants.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Any expenditure increase due to criminal background checks would be offset by the fees collected for performing the background checks.

**Local Effect:** None. Any costs for background checks would be passed on to new license applicants. Under current practice, the alcoholic beverages board obtains State criminal background checks for new applicants. The cost for a criminal background check is \$42 per applicant, \$18 for the State criminal background check and \$24 for the national criminal background check.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal impact on small businesses.

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