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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 953  
Economic Matters

(Allegany County Delegation)  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Allegany County - Alcoholic Beverages - 1-Day Special License**

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This emergency bill authorizes the Allegany County Board of License Commissioners to issue a 1-day special retail alcoholic beverages license to be used at a bona fide entertainment event in Allegany County. This license may be granted for up to five consecutive days. The county commissioners, on recommendation by the board of license commissioners, must set the license fee amount. The county commissioners must distribute \$100 of the license fee to the board of license commissioners and donate the balance to a charitable organization. The license holder, with the approval of the county commissioners, designates the charitable organization to receive the remaining fee revenue.

The privileges granted under the license may only be granted on county-owned property and a person must submit an application for a license at least 30 days before the day the license takes effect.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Allegany County revenues may increase by \$320 annually beginning in FY 2011 from issuance of 1-day special licenses for bona fide entertainment events.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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## Analysis

**Current Law:** The Allegany County Board of License Commissioners may grant special licenses of any class, except manufacturer's and wholesaler's, which entitles the holder to exercise any of the privileges conferred by the respective licenses at any bona fide entertainment held or conducted by any club, society, or association at the place described in the licenses. A special license may not exceed a period of seven consecutive days from the effective date of the license. The license fee is \$20 per day for any beer or beer and light wine license; or \$50 per day for any beer, wine and liquor license.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** There is one bona fide entertainment event that is expected to apply for a special 1-day retail license each year. The event is scheduled for May 2011 and takes place over four days. The current special event fee is \$20 per day for a special beer or beer and light wine license. Assuming the board of license commissioners establishes a license fee of at least \$100 per day, Allegany County revenues from alcoholic beverages licenses increase by \$320 annually beginning in fiscal 2011. If the fee is set over \$100 per day, revenues increase further, but any additional revenues are distributed to a charitable organization.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** Although SB 580 (Senator Edwards - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) is designated as a cross file, it is not identical.

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