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House Bill 1243

(Chair, Baltimore County Delegation)(By Request -
Baltimore County Administration)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Alcoholic Beverages - Baltimore County - License Fees

This bill increases various license fees for the sale of alcoholic beverages in Baltimore County.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Baltimore County revenues increase by approximately \$350,600 annually beginning in FY 2012. County expenditures are not affected.

Small Business Effect: Meaningful impact on small businesses that are alcoholic beverage licensees, as most alcoholic beverages license fees are increased by at least 100%.

Analysis

Bill Summary/Current Law: The bill increases licensing fees in Baltimore County for the sale of alcoholic beverages as shown in **Exhibit 1**.

Exhibit 1
Increase in Baltimore County Alcoholic Beverages Licensing Fees

<u>License Class</u>	<u>Allowed Beverages</u>	<u>Current License Fee</u>	<u>Proposed License Fee</u>
Class A	light wine	\$50	\$100
Class A	beer and light wine	\$100	\$250
Class A	beer, wine, and liquor	\$600	\$900
Class B	beer and light wine	\$150	\$300
Class B	beer, wine, and liquor	\$1,000	\$1,500
Class BDR	beer, wine, and liquor	\$1,000	\$2,000
Class C	beer and light wine	\$35	\$150
Class C	beer, wine, and liquor	\$500	\$1,000
Class C – Special	beer	\$5-\$10 per day	\$20-\$30 per day
Class C – Special	beer and wine	\$5-\$10 per day	\$20-\$30 per day
Class C – Special	beer, wine, and liquor	\$15-\$25 per day	\$35-\$50 per day
Class D	beer and light wine	\$100	\$250
Class D	beer, wine, and liquor	\$1,000	\$1,500
Special Beer Festival	beer	\$15	\$50
Special Theatre	beer, wine, and liquor	\$1,000	\$2,000
Special Wine Festival	wine	\$15	\$60
WS (wine sampling)	wine	\$15 per day	\$30 per day

Source: Department of Legislative Services

Local Fiscal Effect: Baltimore County received \$704,000 in revenues from alcoholic beverages licenses, permits, and charges for related services in fiscal 2010. The county had 748 active retail licensees in fiscal 2010. The increase in alcoholic beverages licensing fees, as shown in Exhibit 1, will generate an additional \$350,600 in revenues annually beginning in fiscal 2012.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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