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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 360 (Carroll County Delegation)
Economic Matters

Carroll County - Alcoholic Beverages License Fees - Underage Drinking

This bill repeals the requirement that the Carroll County Commissioners must pay 25% of the sum collected from alcoholic beverages license fees to the incorporated town where the place of business is located. Additionally, the Carroll County Board of License Commissioners must develop a plan to better enforce the prohibition against underage drinking in Carroll County. The plan must include measures that the board will take in cooperation with local law enforcement organizations and nonprofit organizations, such as the Carroll County Coalition Against Underage Drinking. The board must submit the plan to the Carroll County Commissioners, the Carroll County Senators, and the Carroll House Delegation by September 1, 2014.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2014.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Carroll County revenues from alcoholic beverages license fees increase by an estimated \$23,400 annually, while municipal revenues decrease correspondingly. Expenditures are not materially affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In Carroll County, the County Commissioners must pay 25% of the sum collected from alcoholic beverages license fees to the incorporated town in which the place of business is located.

State Fiscal Effect: Revenues from alcoholic beverages license fees in Carroll County totaled \$93,470 in fiscal 2013, as shown in **Exhibit 1**. Of this amount, \$23,368 was distributed to the eight municipalities within the county. Under the bill, the entire amount of alcoholic beverages license fees is retained by the county. Therefore, county revenues increase by approximately \$23,400 annually and the municipalities' revenues decrease correspondingly.

The development of a plan to better enforce the prohibition against underage drinking in the county can be handled with existing resources.

Exhibit 1 Distribution of License Fee Revenues under Current Law Fiscal 2013

<u>City/Town</u>	<u>Total Fee Revenue</u>	<u>Municipal Share</u>
Westminster	\$43,660	\$10,915
Taneytown	9,340	2,335
Hampstead	11,310	2,828
Manchester	2,350	588
Mount Airy	19,390	4,848
New Windsor	650	163
Sykesville	4,060	1,015
Union Bridge	2,710	678
Total	\$93,470	\$23,368

Source: Carroll County

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Carroll County, Department of State Police, Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Department of Legislative Services

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