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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 560

(Carroll County Senators)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

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Carroll County - Alcoholic Beverages - License Fees

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This bill increases Class A and Class D alcoholic beverages license fees in Carroll County. The Class A alcoholic beverages license fee increases are phased in from fiscal 2015 through 2018.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2014.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Carroll County revenues increase by approximately \$8,680 annually in FY 2015 through 2017. Carroll County revenues increase by approximately \$14,840 annually beginning in FY 2018. County expenditures are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal impact on small businesses that are Class A or Class D alcoholic beverages license holders due to their license fees increasing between \$100 and \$200 from FY 2015 to 2017 and increasing by up to \$350 thereafter.

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Analysis

**Bill Summary/Current Law:** The bill increases Class A and Class D alcoholic beverages license fees in Carroll County, as shown in **Exhibit 1**.

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**Exhibit 1**  
**Proposed Increases in Carroll County Alcoholic Beverages License Fees**

<u>License Class</u>	<u>Allowed Beverages</u>	<u>Current License Fee</u>	<u>Proposed License Fee FY 2015-2017</u>	<u>Proposed License Fee Beginning FY 2018</u>
Class A	beer	\$100	\$200	\$250
Class A	beer and wine	140	340	500
Class A	beer, wine, and liquor	650	850	1,000
Class D	beer	130	250	250
Class D	beer and wine	160	250	250

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**Background:** A Class A alcoholic beverages license authorizes the license holder to sell at retail alcoholic beverages in sealed packages or containers for consumption off premises. A Class D alcoholic beverages license authorizes the license holder to sell at retail alcoholic beverages for on- or off-premises consumption.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** There are 145 alcoholic beverages licenses in Carroll County, of which none are Class A beer licenses; 1 is a Class A beer and wine license; 40 are Class A beer, wine, and liquor licenses; 1 is a Class D beer license; and 4 are Class D beer and wine licenses. Assuming the number of licensees remains constant, the increase in alcoholic beverages licensing fees generates an additional \$8,680 in revenues annually from fiscal 2015 to 2017. Beginning in fiscal 2018, license fee revenues increase by \$14,840 annually.

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** A similar bill, SB 848 of 2013, passed the Senate and received a hearing in the House Economic Matters Committee, but no further action was taken.

**Cross File:** None designated; however, HB 156 (Carroll County Delegation – Economic Matters) is identical.

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