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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
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Senate Bill 611

(Calvert County Senators)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

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**Calvert County - Alcoholic Beverages - Special Event (Charity) Beer, Wine and  
Liquor License**

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This bill authorizes the Calvert County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Special Event (charity) beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) license to an organization or group of individuals that proposes to sponsor a benefit for an individual or organization in dire need of financial assistance. The license authorizes the holder to sell alcoholic beverages at a one-day event for consumption on the premises of the establishment where the event is being held. The license holder must have a person certified by an alcohol awareness program on the licensed premises at all times to supervise the sale and serving of alcoholic beverages. Additionally, the license holder must transfer all of the proceeds from the sale of alcoholic beverages at the special event to the account of the individual or organization that is in dire need of financial assistance. The license fee is \$25. The board may adopt regulations to implement the bill.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2014.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Minimal increase in local revenues from additional license fees (\$25 for each license issued). Calvert County can monitor licenses with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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## Analysis

**Current Law:** A Special Event (charity) beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) license does not exist in Calvert County.

A special Class C beer, wine, and liquor license entitles the holder to sell alcohol during a bona fide entertainment conducted by a club, society, or association at the place described for a period not exceeding seven consecutive days. In Calvert County, the fee for this license is \$25 per day, except that for any bona fide religious, fraternal, civic, war veterans', hospital, or charitable organization, the fee for the license is \$15.

**Local Revenues:** Calvert County revenues increase from issuing Special Event (charity) beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) licenses. Although the number of additional licenses that may be issued as a result of the bill is unknown, any additional license fee revenue is likely to be minimal.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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