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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 329  
Economic Matters

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

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**Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Inspectors**

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This bill authorizes the Harford County Liquor Control Board and general manager to appoint alcoholic beverages inspectors as necessary to provide appropriate control over newly created alcoholic beverages licensees. The bill repeals a provision that limits the board and general manager to appointing, in addition to inspectors serving prior to July 1, 1979, additional inspectors as necessary to provide appropriate control over newly created Class A off-sale licensees.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** To the extent that Harford County hires additional inspectors, expenditures increase. Any such increase cannot be reliably estimated. Revenues are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The board may employ a secretary and inspectors and clerical and other assistance as is necessary. The board may generally set compensation of the employees. In addition to any inspector who was serving prior to July 1, 1979, the board and general manager may appoint additional inspectors as necessary to provide appropriate control over newly created Class A off-sale licenses.

**Background:** In fiscal 2014, a total of 199 alcoholic beverages licenses were in effect in Harford County. Harford County currently employs one chief inspector, one additional inspector, an administrator, and an administrative assistant. The board consists of five members, including one chairperson and one vice chairperson.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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