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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

Senate Bill 150 (Senator Astle)  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

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**City of Annapolis - Alcoholic Beverages - Bookstore License**

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This bill establishes a bookstore beer and wine license in the City of Annapolis. The license authorizes the sale of beer and wine for consumption in a bookstore during a public lecture, reading, discussion, or similar bookstore event. The annual license fee is \$200. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The bill does not materially affect State operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** City of Annapolis revenues increase minimally from license fees. The city can monitor the new licenses using existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential Meaningful.

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**Analysis**

**Bill Summary:** To be eligible for the license, a bookstore must derive at least 70% of its revenue from the sale of books. Average daily sales derived from alcohol beverages may not exceed 17% of the bookstore's total average daily sales. The license may not be transferred to another location. The license holder must participate in alcohol awareness training.

**Current Law/Background:** No jurisdiction currently authorizes bookstores to sell alcoholic beverages.

Generally, for a premises that is licensed to sell alcoholic beverages with off-sale privileges, or a premises that is licensed with on-sale privileges and sells alcoholic beverages directly to a customer from a bar or service bar, the license holder or specified employees must complete training in an approved alcohol awareness program in order to obtain and retain their alcoholic beverages license. The training program must be approved and certified by the Comptroller, and it must provide information on how alcohol affects a person's body and behavior, the dangers of drinking and driving, refusing service before a customer becomes intoxicated, and determining if a customer is old enough to legally consume alcohol. The training is valid for four years.

**Small Business Effect:** Small business bookstores that apply for and obtain the license established by the bill may experience increased sales and publicity from selling alcoholic beverages at bookstore events.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** City of Annapolis; Department of Legislative Services

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