

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

Senate Bill 290 (Senator Della)  
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Referred to Economic Matters

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**Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages -  
Appellate Counsel to the Board of License Commissioners**

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This amended bill requires the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to employ an attorney to serve as appellate counsel for the board in appeal actions. The attorney's salary and benefits must be the same as for full-time alcoholic beverages inspectors.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Baltimore City expenditures would increase in the range of \$12,600 and \$15,900 in FY 1997 as discussed below. Revenues would not be affected. **This bill imposes a mandate on a unit of local government.**

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Expenditures:** Full-time inspectors earn between \$22,639 and \$25,940 including fringe benefits. Baltimore City appropriated \$10,000 for two part-time appellate counsels in fiscal 1996. Currently, only one attorney remains. It is expected that one attorney could serve as counsel to the Board of License Commissioners. As a result, city expenditures could increase in the range of \$12,639 and \$15,940 in fiscal 1997 due to the increase in salary for the remaining attorney. One cent on Baltimore City's property tax rate yields approximately \$842,000 in fiscal 1997. Accordingly, this expenditure increase will have a negligible impact on the city's property tax rate.

Out-year expenditures would depend upon salary and benefit adjustments.

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