

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1461 (Delegate McClenahan, et al.)
Economic Matters

Somerset County - Alcoholic Beverages
(Class C Beer, Wine and Liquor Licenses)

This emergency bill shortens from five years to one year the time period in which certain Class C beer, wine, and liquor applicants must have been in existence and operating prior to applying for a license. This provision applies only to fraternal or sororal organizations and veterans' organizations.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Somerset County, City of Crisfield, and Town of Princess Anne revenues could increase by indeterminate minimal amounts. Expenditures would not be affected.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Revenues: The annual license fee for a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in Somerset County is \$250. To the extent that shortening the waiting period increases the number of licenses, county revenues would increase by \$250 for each additional license issued. The revenue increase cannot be determined at this time, but it is assumed to be minimal.

Since all wines and liquors sold by Class C beer, wine, and liquor licensees must be purchased from the Somerset County Liquor Control Board under existing law, county revenues could increase due to additional wine and liquor sales. The county estimates that wine and liquor sales could increase by \$500 annually. Fiscal Services advises that the

increase would depend upon the number of new licensees and the volume of wine and liquor purchased by these licensees at the county's dispensaries.

Under current law, a portion of the net proceeds generated by the county's dispensaries in Crisfield and in the West Princess Anne election district are remitted to the City of Crisfield and Town of Princess Anne. It is assumed that any additional revenues remitted to these municipalities resulting from the bill's provisions would be minimal.

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