

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 241 (Senator Trotter)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

**Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages
(Possession or Drinking in Public)**

This bill changes the penalties in Prince George's County for drinking alcoholic beverages in specified public places. Currently, violators are subject to a fine not exceeding \$100. The bill also prohibits a person from possessing alcoholic beverages in open containers in specified public places in Prince George's County. Under the bill, violators would be subject to a fine not exceeding \$100 and/or imprisonment not exceeding three days for either violation.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. Since the maximum incarceration penalty is only three days, the State would not reimburse Prince George's County for a part of inmate costs.

Local Effect: Minimal increase in Prince George's County expenditures due to the bill's incarceration penalty provision. County revenues would not be affected.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Expenditures: Prince George's County expenditures could increase as a result of the bill's incarceration penalty depending upon the number of convictions and sentences imposed. The county pays the full cost of incarceration for the first 90 days of the sentence, plus part of the per diem cost after 90 days. Per diem operating costs of the Prince George's County Correctional Center were \$62 in fiscal 1995.

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