

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
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Senate Bill 652 (Senator Haines) (Carroll County Delegation)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Referred to Economic Matters

Carroll County - Alcoholic Beverages
(Class B Beer and Light Wine Licenses)

This amended bill divides the Class B beer and light wine license in Carroll County into a 6-day license and a 7-day license. The license fees are \$160 for the 6-day license and \$1,000 for the 7-day license. The bill allows a holder of the 7-day license to conduct “on-sales” of alcoholic beverages on Sunday between 12 noon and 1 a.m. the following Monday. However, “off-sales” may only occur between 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. on Monday through Saturday.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Carroll County revenues could be minimally affected as discussed below. The Board of License Commissioners could issue new licenses and monitor licensees with existing resources.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Revenues: The impact on Carroll County revenues would depend upon the number of 7-day Class B beer and light wine licenses issued and whether or not any existing licenses are changed to the 7-day license. For example, if a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license is changed to a 7-day Class B beer and light wine license, county revenues would decrease by \$500 annually. This decrease represents the difference in license fees between the two licenses. The license fee for an existing Class B beer, wine, and liquor license is \$1,500, while the proposed license fee for the 7-day license is \$1,000. However, if an existing Class B beer and light wine license (\$160 fee) is changed to a 7-day license, county revenues would increase by \$840 annually. Although the increase or decrease in revenues cannot be

determined, it is assumed to be minimal.

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