

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 423 (Anne Arundel County Senators)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages
(Licenses - Renewals and One-Day)

This bill establishes the annual alcoholic beverages license renewal date in Anne Arundel County. Between March 1 and March 31, a licensee must file a renewal application with the Board of License Commissioners. A renewal application received after March 31 may be subject to rejection or specified monetary penalties.

The bill also increases the license fees for special Class C licenses. The daily fee for a special Class C beer license or a special Class C beer and wine license increases from \$10 to \$20. Similarly, the daily fee for a special Class C beer, wine, and liquor license increases from \$25 to \$50.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Anne Arundel County revenues could increase by at least \$21,000 in FY 1997, while expenditures could decrease by \$3,500 annually as discussed below.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Revenues: Anne Arundel County revenues could increase by at least \$21,000 in fiscal 1997 due to the increases in license fees. Currently, the county issues approximately 500 special Class C beer and beer and wine licenses, and 920 special Class C beer, wine, and liquor licenses. Under the bill, the fees increase by \$10 for the beer and beer and wine licenses, and by \$25 for beer, wine, and liquor licenses. Accordingly, revenues could increase by \$21,000 in fiscal 1997. This estimate reflects the October 1, 1996 effective date. Annually, the fee increases would generate approximately \$28,000 in additional revenues.

In addition, Anne Arundel County revenues could increase due to the imposition of late charges. At this time, the number of late-filers and the number of days late cannot be determined. Any fine revenues, however, would be minimal. For instance, if ten licensees each filed their applications ten days late, the fine revenues would be \$7,500.

Local Expenditures: Currently, if a license renewal is not received by the filing deadline, the business must surrender its license and reapply for a license. As a result, the county would have to advertise for and hold a hearing for the business' application. Under the bill, the county may accept a late application. Accordingly, county expenditures could decrease by \$3,500 due to fewer advertisement costs and fewer hearings.

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