

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 664 (Montgomery County Delegation)  
Economic Matters

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**Montgomery County - Alcoholic Beverages**  
**(Damascus)**  
**MC 618-96**

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This bill allows the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to issue Class H (on-sale) beer and light wine alcoholic beverages licenses to hotels and restaurants in Damascus (12th election district). Alcoholic beverages may only be served to seated patrons. A license may not be issued to any restaurant in which recreational devices are used (e.g., pool tables, billiard tables, video games, etc.).

The passage of the bill is contingent on the approval of the voters of Damascus at the November 1996 general election.

The bill is effective July 1, 1996.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Montgomery County revenues would increase by \$400 annually, excluding application fees, for each Class H license issued in Damascus. This estimate reflects only the annual license fee. Although the number of licenses to be issued cannot be determined beforehand, the revenue increase would be minimal. The Board of License Commissioners could issue licenses and monitor licensees with existing resources. Similarly, the cost of adding the referendum issue to the ballot would be minimal and absorbable within the local elections board's existing budget.

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