## **Department of Fiscal Services**

Maryland General Assembly

# FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 714 (Prince George's County and Montgomery County Delegations) Economic Matters

#### Alcoholic Beverages - City of Takoma Park (Unification Issues) PG/MC 51-96

This bill provides for the transfer of alcoholic beverages licenses in the Prince George's County portion of the City of Takoma Park to the Montgomery County portion. The bill creates licenses in Montgomery County that are similar to licenses in existence in the Prince George's County portion of the City of Takoma Park. The new licenses and their annual license fees are: Class H-TP beer, wine, and liquor restaurant license (\$300); Class D-TP beer and wine tavern license (\$300); Class A-TP beer, wine, and liquor package goods store license (\$750); and Class C-TPV beer, wine, and liquor club-veterans license (\$750). These provisions are effective until May 1, 2000.

The bill is effective July 1, 1997.

## **Fiscal Summary**

State Effect: None.

**Local Effect:** Montgomery County revenues could increase by \$2,100 annually beginning in FY 1998; Prince George's County revenues would decrease by the same amount. Expenditures would not be affected.

## **Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Revenues:** Under the City of Takoma Park unification, four alcoholic beverages licenses would be transferred from the existing Prince George's County portion to the Montgomery County portion. The licenses and license fees are: one Class A beer, wine, and liquor licenses (\$750); one Class C beer, wine, and liquor license (\$750); one Class D beer

and wine license (\$300); and one Class B beer license (\$300). Annually, these licenses generate \$2,100 in fees for Prince George's County. Accordingly, Prince George's County revenues would decrease by \$2,100 annually beginning in fiscal 1998 due to the transition of the licenses into Montgomery County.

Assuming that the holders of the four existing licenses in the Prince George's County portion would not have to pay an application fee, Montgomery County revenues would increase by \$2,100 annually beginning in fiscal 1998 based on the applicable license fees.

**Information Source(s):** Montgomery and Prince George's counties, City of Takoma Park, Department of Fiscal Services

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