

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 934 (Delegate Bissett) (By Request of the County Executive)
Economic Matters

Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages
(Class BDR Beer, Wine and Liquor License)

This bill creates a 7-day Class BDR (Deluxe Restaurant) (On-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license in Anne Arundel County. A license may only be issued to a restaurant that: (1) meets the definition of “restaurant” established under the regulations of the Board of License Commissioners; (2) has a minimum seating capacity of 150 persons for dining; (3) has a cocktail lounge or bar seating capacity not exceeding 25% of the seating capacity for dining; (4) has parking facilities to accommodate a minimum of 75 vehicles; and (5) has a minimum capital investment, excluding land and building costs, of \$750,000 by the license applicant or an appraised equivalent of \$750,000 for existing facilities. The annual license fee is \$1,500. A license entitles the holder to be open for the same number of hours and days as a Class B (On-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license.

The bill also prohibits a new Class BDR license from being issued after October 1, 2001. In addition, the bill limits an individual or corporation to having a maximum of three alcoholic beverages licenses.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Anne Arundel County revenues would increase by \$1,850 for each new Class BDR license issued due to the license fee and application fee as discussed below. The Board of License Commissioners could monitor the licensees with existing resources.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Revenues: Anne Arundel County revenues would increase by \$1,850 for each new Class BDR license issued. Each new license would generate a license fee of \$1,500 and an application fee of \$350. In the out-years, each existing license would generate only the annual license fee. At this time, the number of licenses to be issued cannot be determined. Anne Arundel County advises, however, that the number of licenses issued would not exceed two in fiscal 1997, and not exceed 10 annually thereafter.

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