

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 1444 (Delegate DeCarlo, et al.)

Economic Matters

Referred to Economic and Environmental Affairs

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**Baltimore County - Alcoholic Beverages**  
**(Cessation of Business)**

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This amended bill changes the provisions for the expiration of alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore County. Currently, a license expires 180 days after the licensee has vacated, or been evicted from, the establishment's premises unless an application for a transfer to another location or assignment to another person has been approved or is pending.

Under the bill, a license expires 180 days after cessation of business unless one of the following occurs: (1) an application for approval of a transfer to another location or an application for assignment to another person has been approved or is pending; (2) an application for a continuation of a license made by an executor or administrator of a deceased licensee has been approved or is pending; or (3) a written request for a hardship extension is filed within the 180-day period. An extension may be granted by the board or the State Comptroller due to undue hardship. The extension may not exceed 360 days after the date of cessation of the business.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Currently, the State Comptroller issues only a small number of licenses in Baltimore County. It is assumed that the changes in the procedures for the cessation of licenses would not change the number of licenses issued. Accordingly, State finances would not be directly affected. Similarly, the Comptroller could conduct public hearings with existing resources.

**Local Effect:** Potential minimal Baltimore County expenditure increase; no direct effect on revenues.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Effect:** Baltimore County expenditures could increase due to the potential increase in the number of public hearings conducted by the Board of License Commissioners. This increase would depend upon the number of extension requests. It is assumed that any expenditure increase would be minimal.

It is assumed that the changes in the procedures for the cessation of licenses would not change the number of licenses issued by the board. Accordingly, county revenues would not be directly affected.

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