

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 654 (Senator Haines) (Carroll County Delegation)  
Economic and Environmental Affairs

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Carroll County - Alcoholic Beverages  
(Drive-Through Windows)

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This bill prohibits an alcoholic beverages licensee in Carroll County from selling or dispensing alcoholic beverages from a walk-up or drive-through window. Violators are subject to the applicable penalty provisions under current law of a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not exceeding two years. Violators may also have their licenses revoked or suspended by the Carroll County Board of License Commissioners.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Potential minimal increase in general fund revenues and expenditures due to the applicable penalty provision.

**Local Effect:** Potential minimal increase in expenditures due to the applicable penalty provision.

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Fiscal Analysis

**State Revenues:** General fund revenues could increase under the applicable monetary penalty provision depending upon the number of convictions and fines imposed.

**State Expenditures:** General fund expenditures could increase as a result of the applicable incarceration penalty due to more people being committed to a Division of Correction (DOC) facility and increased payments to Carroll County for reimbursement of inmate costs, depending upon the number of convictions and sentences imposed.

Persons serving a sentence longer than one year are incarcerated in a DOC facility. In fiscal 1997 the average monthly cost per inmate is estimated at \$1,400.

Persons serving a sentence of one year or less are sentenced to a local detention facility. The State reimburses counties for part of their per diem rate after a person has served 90 days. State per diem reimbursements for fiscal 1997 are estimated to be \$29 per inmate in Carroll County.

**Local Expenditures:** Carroll County expenditures could increase as a result of the applicable incarceration penalty depending upon the number of convictions and sentences imposed. Carroll County pays the full cost of incarceration for people in its facilities for the first 90 days of the sentence, plus part of the per diem cost after 90 days. Per diem operating costs of the Carroll County Detention Center are expected to be \$58 per inmate in fiscal 1997.

The Carroll County Board of License Commissioners could conduct hearings on the revocation or suspension of licenses and revoke or suspend licenses with existing resources.

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