

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 675 (Montgomery County Delegation)
Economic Matters

**Montgomery County - Alcoholic Beverages - Sales to Minors and Intoxicated
Persons
MC 603-96**

This bill allows the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to proceed administratively against an alcoholic beverages licensee if the licensee or an employee has been granted probation before judgement on a charge of selling alcoholic beverages to a minor or an intoxicated person.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Montgomery County revenues could increase by an indeterminate minimal amount. Expenditures would not be affected.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Effect: Montgomery County advises that in fiscal 1995 there were 102 violations for serving minors and four violations for serving intoxicated persons. In a majority of these cases the defendants were given probation before judgement (PBJ). Under the bill, the Board of License Commissioners could take administrative action (fines, revocations, suspensions) against the licensees who were granted PBJ. At this time, the number of times such actions would be taken and their scope cannot be determined. Any increase in fine revenues is assumed to be minimal.

In addition, the Board of License Commissioners could conduct any hearings on the revocation or suspension of licenses with existing resources.

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