

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 805 (Prince George's County Delegation)
Economic Matters

Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages
(Visible Access)
PG 309-96

This bill requires all alcoholic beverages licensees to provide visible access into the premises from the exterior. Violators are subject to current law penalties of a fine not exceeding \$500 and/or imprisonment not exceeding six months.

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: Minimal increase in Prince George's County expenditures due to the applicable penalty provision. Revenues would not be affected.

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 increased payments to Prince George's County for reimbursement of inmate costs, depending upon the number of convictions and sentences imposed.

Persons serving a sentence of 12 months or less are sentenced to a local detention facility. The State reimburses counties for part of the per diem rate after a person has served 90 days. State per diem reimbursements are estimated to be \$33 per inmate in Prince George's

County.

Local Expenditures: Prince George's County expenditures could increase as a result of the applicable incarceration penalty depending upon the number of convictions and sentences imposed. The county pays the full cost of incarceration for the first 90 days of the sentence, plus part of the per diem cost after 90 days. Per diem operating costs of the Prince George's County Correctional Center are expected to be \$67 in fiscal 1997.

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