

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 655 (Senator Haines) (Carroll County Delegation)  
Economic and Environmental Affairs

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**Carroll County - Alcoholic Beverages**  
**(5-Day Class B BWL Licenses)**

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This bill changes the number of days that a restaurant must be open in order to be issued a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license in Carroll County. Currently, a restaurant must be open seven days a week and serve at least two full-course meals each day Monday through Friday and at least one full-course meal each day on Saturday and Sunday. Under the bill, a restaurant need only be open for business five days a week. When the restaurant is open, however, it must meet the full-course meal requirements.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Carroll County revenues could increase by an indeterminate amount due to the potential increase in the number of Class B licenses issued. At this time, the additional number of restaurants that would qualify for the Class B license under the five-day provision cannot be determined. Any revenue increase, however, would be minimal. The Board of License Commissioners could issue the licenses and monitor licensees with existing resources.

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