

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
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House Bill 1296 (Harford County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Referred to Economic & Environmental Affairs

Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages
(Salaries of Liquor Control Board)

This amended bill increases the compensation of the members of the Harford County Liquor Control Board. The salary of the chairman increases from \$3,000 to \$4,500, while the salaries of the other four members increase from \$2,700 to \$4,000. The bill's provisions do not apply to the incumbent chairman and board members.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Harford County expenditures would increase by \$700 in FY 1997 due to the salary increases for two board members. Out-year expenditures would reflect annualized salaries and the salary increases for the remaining three board members. Revenues would not be affected. **This bill imposes a mandate on a unit of local government.**

Fiscal Analysis

Local Expenditures: The terms of the Harford County Liquor Control Board members are staggered. Two members will be appointed in April 1996, two members in April 1997, and one member in April 1998. Since the salary increases do not apply to incumbent members, the full impact of the salary increases would not be realized until fiscal 1999. In fiscal 1997 only two board members would receive salary increases. As a result, county expenditures would increase by \$700 in fiscal 1997. This estimate reflects the salary increase for the chairman and one other member for three months. One cent on the county's property tax rate yields approximately \$445,822 in fiscal 1997. Accordingly, this \$700 expenditure increase will have a negligible impact on the county's property tax rate.

Out-year expenditures would reflect annualized salaries and the salary increases for the remaining three board members. Beginning in fiscal 1999, county expenditures would increase by \$6,700 annually.

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