

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 107 (Delegate Conway)
Judiciary

Wicomico County - Gambling

This bill allows the Wicomico County Sheriff to issue gaming licenses to certain tax exempt non-profit and fraternal organizations that have been located in the county for at least five years. The bill alters certain reporting requirements of gaming licensees, alters the licensing fee structure, and creates a Gaming Advisory Committee to assist in licensing and reporting.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential minimal increase in revenues. No effect on expenditures.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Revenues: Under current law an applicant for a gaming license must pay \$1 for each day gaming will take place plus \$1 for each game to be played. This bill would require the applicant to pay \$1 for each day the permit is valid plus \$1 per game per day. The bill would also allow the county to issue yearly permits; however, the license fee would continue to be assessed per day. The increase in revenues would be minimal. Likewise, any revenue increase attributable to additional licenses issued to nonprofits and fraternal organizations would be minimal.

Local Expenditures: Any increase in workload resulting from additional licenses being issued could be absorbed with existing budgeted resources.

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