

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 1347 (Washington County Delegation)  
Economic Matters

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**Washington County - Alcoholic Beverages**  
**(License Fees and Fines)**

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This emergency bill creates two annual license fees in Washington County for Class C beer, wine, and liquor club licensees. For a club with less than 600 members, including social members, the fee is \$500, and for a club with at least 600 members, the fee is \$1,000. The bill also requires the Board of License Commissioners to impose a fee of \$400 for each transfer of a license and \$100 for each time the transfer is advertised. In addition, the bill allows the board to both fine and suspend a licensee.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Washington County revenues could increase due to the creation of two license fees for Class C club licenses and the imposition of transfer and advertisement fees. The increase would depend upon the number of licenses issued to clubs and the size of their memberships, the number of transfers, and the number of advertisements. This information cannot be determined beforehand, but any revenue increase is assumed to be minimal. The Board of License Commissioners could collect the additional fees with existing resources.

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