

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 1159 (Washington County Delegation)
Economic Matters Referred to Economic and Environmental Affairs

Washington County - Alcoholic Beverages
(Wine Tasting License)

This amended bill creates a wine tasting license in Washington County for on-premises consumption of wine for tasting or sampling purposes only. A wine tasting license may only be issued to a holder of a Class A (off-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license. Servings are limited to no more than two ounces of any one wine to any one customer. The license may be used for no more than 12 days in a licensing year. Before holding a tasting event, a licensee must notify the Board of License Commissioners at least 10 days prior to the scheduled event. The annual license fee is \$200.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: It is expected that only one wine tasting license would be issued in Washington County. Accordingly, county revenues would increase by \$200 annually. The Board of License Commissioners could issue the license and monitor the licensee with existing resources.

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