

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 369 (Senator Hafer)  
Economic and Environmental Affairs

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Garrett County - Alcoholic Beverages  
(Pub- and Micro-Breweries)

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This bill authorizes the State Comptroller to issue a Class 6 pub-brewery license and a Class 7 micro-brewery (on- and off-sale) license in Garrett County.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** \$1,230 general fund revenue increase in FY 1997 due to the issuance of a pub-brewery license. Out-year revenues reflect the fees for a pub-brewery license and a micro-brewery license.

(in dollars)	FY 1997	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001
GF Revenues	\$1,230	\$1,760	\$1,060	\$1,060	\$1,060
GF Expenditures	0	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	\$1,230	\$1,760	\$1,060	\$1,060	\$1,060

Note: ( ) - decrease; GF - general funds

**Local Effect:** None.

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Fiscal Analysis

**State Revenues:** In fiscal 1997 Fiscal Services assumes that only a pub-brewery license would be issued. Beginning in fiscal 1998, it is expected that a pub-brewery license and a micro-brewery license would be issued simultaneously. Accordingly, general fund revenues would increase by \$1,230 in fiscal 1997 due to the issuance of a Class 6 pub-brewery license. This license would generate an annual license fee of \$500, an initial issuance fee of \$200, and a renewal fee of \$30. Because license fees are renewable May 1 annually, the State

would collect two license fees in fiscal 1997. As a result, general fund revenues would increase by \$1,230 in fiscal 1997 due to the two license fees, the issuance fees, and the renewal fee.

A Class 7 micro-brewery license would probably not be issued until fiscal 1998. This license would generate the same \$1,230 in fees as the Class 6 pub-brewery license. Accordingly, general fund revenues would increase by \$1,760 in fiscal 1998 reflecting the fees for a pub-brewery license and a micro-brewery license. This amount includes three license fees, the initial issuance fee for a micro-brewery license, and two renewal fees. Out-year revenues would increase by \$1,060 annually reflecting the two annual license fees and renewal fees.

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