

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 140 (Senator Sfikas)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

**Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages
(Penalties)**

This bill permits the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to impose whatever restrictions it deems appropriate on an alcoholic beverages license as an enforcement mechanism.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The board could impose the restrictions with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Potential indeterminate effect on small businesses as discussed below.

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: In 1996 the Board of License Commissioners issued 751 alcoholic beverages licenses. However, the number of these that were issued to small businesses (i.e., have 50 or fewer employees) is unknown.

Under the bill's provisions, the board may impose whatever restrictions it deems necessary on a license as an enforcement mechanism. To the extent that this occurs, small business operations could be impacted depending upon the type of restriction.

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