

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 1221 (Harford County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Referred to Economic & Environmental Affairs

---

**Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages (Tasting Days)**

---

This enrolled bill increases the number of days that an alcoholic beverages licensee in Harford County may conduct tasting or sampling events from 24 to 52. The bill also increases the fee for a CWBT license from \$250 to \$350.

The bill is effective June 1, 1997.

---

**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The Harford County Liquor Control Board issues ten CWBT licenses annually. Harford County revenues thus would increase by \$1,000 annually due to the \$100 license fee increase. The board could monitor licensees with existing resources.

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

---

**Fiscal Analysis**

**Small Business Effect:** In 1996 the Harford County Liquor Control Board issued ten tasting and sampling licenses. The bill increases the maximum number of days that an alcoholic beverages licensee may hold sampling or tasting events from 24 to 52. To the extent that this leads to more exposure of their establishments, small businesses could benefit. Small business CWBT licensees would also experience a minimal increase in costs due the \$100 license fee increase.

---

**Information Source(s):** Harford County, Department of Fiscal Services

**Fiscal Note History:** First Reader - February 21, 1997

ncs Revised - Enrolled Bill - April 24, 1997

---

Analysis by: Thomas Himler

Reviewed by: John Rixey

Direct Inquiries to:

John Rixey, Coordinating Analyst

(410) 841-3710

(301) 858-3710