

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 552 (Senator Haines) (Carroll County Senate Delegation)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Carroll County - Alcoholic Beverages (Beer Tasting License)

This bill creates a beer tasting alcoholic beverages license in Carroll County. The license may be issued only to a holder of a beer, wine, and liquor license or a beer and wine license. The annual license fee is \$100. Tasting privileges may not be exercised during the Maryland Wine Festival.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Carroll County revenues could increase by \$1,500 annually. No effect on expenditures.

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

Fiscal Analysis

Local Revenues: In 1996 the Carroll County Board of License Commissioners issued 120 beer, wine, and liquor licenses and 15 beer and wine licenses. Under the bill these licensees are eligible to receive a beer tasting license. It is estimated that 15 licensees would be issued such a license. Since the license fee is \$100, revenues would increase by \$1,500 annually.

Small Business Effect: As mentioned above, the board of license commissioners issued 120 beer, wine, and liquor licenses and 15 beer and wine licenses in 1996. Although the number of licensees that are small businesses is unknown, a vast majority would fall into that category. Under the bill, these licensees are eligible to receive beer tasting licenses. To the extent that small business licensees are issued beer tasting licenses, their operations could be impacted through more exposure of their business.

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