Department of Fiscal Services

Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE Revised

House Bill 934 (Montgomery County Delegation)

Economic Matters Referred to Economic and Environmental Affairs

Montgomery County - Alcoholic Beverages (Multiple Licenses) MC 703-97

This amended bill changes the conditions under which a Class B beer, wine, and liquor licensee in Montgomery County may obtain additional Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses for restaurants located within CBD zoned property within the Rockville Town Center and within an enclosed retail mall that has at least 700,000 square feet of gross floor area. A holder does not have to have been a licensee for three years in order to qualify for the additional licenses. In addition, the Board of License Commissioners may issue only one additional license to each applicant for the Rockville Town Center license, instead of two licenses.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: If the bill's changes allow for more Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses to be issued in Montgomery County, revenues would increase by \$2,500 for each additional license issued. The Board of License Commissioners could monitor licensees with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal effect on small businesses. If the bill's provisions make it easier to obtain additional Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses, small businesses that hold multiple licenses could benefit from the additional sale of alcoholic beverages. This could also increase competition for existing small business licensees.

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