

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1054 (Carroll County Delegation)
Economic Matters

Carroll County - Alcoholic Beverages (License Renewal Late Fees)

This bill authorizes the Carroll County Board of License Commissioners to impose a late fee of \$50 per day for each day a licensee fails to renew the license. The total amount assessed cannot exceed \$500.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Minimal effect on Carroll County revenues. 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 140 alcoholic beverages licenses. Annually, there are approximately ten license renewal applications that are filed past the deadline (an average of two days past the deadline). Under the bill, the board may impose a fee of \$50 for each day past the deadline. If the board imposes a fee, revenues could increase by \$1,000 annually, unless the fee induces prompt renewal.

Small Business Effect: As mentioned above, the board of license commissioners issued 140 alcoholic beverages licenses in 1996. Although the number of these licensees that are small businesses is unknown, a vast majority would fall into that category. Under the bill, the board may impose a fee of \$50 for each day a license renewal application is filed past the deadline. To the extent that a small business licensee files its renewal application past the deadline, its costs could increase by \$50 for each day late.

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