

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 345 (Senator Craig, *et al.*)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Referred to Economic Matters

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 days. The bill also increases the fee for a CWBT license from \$250 to \$350.

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 days. To the extent that the increase in the number of sampling days leads to more exposure of their establishments, small businesses could benefit. Small business CWBT licensees would also experience a minimal increase in costs due to the \$100 license fee increase.

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