

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 615 (Senators Collins and Stone)
(Baltimore County Administration)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Referred to Economic Matters

Baltimore County - Alcoholic Beverages
(Adult Entertainment)

This amended emergency bill prohibits an alcoholic beverages licensee in Baltimore County from permitting adult entertainment on the licensed premises or on property adjacent to the licensed premises over which the holder has ownership or control. The prohibition does not apply to (1) a licensee that offered adult entertainment on the licensed premises for at least five calendar days between March 8, 1996 and April 8, 1996; or (2) a transferee of a license from a holder who meets the previous exception as long as the transferee continues to offer adult entertainment on the same premises. The Board of License Commissioners shall suspend or revoke the license of a violator and/or impose a fine on the holder.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Baltimore County revenues could increase by a minimal amount due to the monetary penalties. The Board of License Commissioners could monitor licensees with existing resources.

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

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: There are between eight and ten alcoholic beverages licensees in Baltimore County that permit adult entertainment. It is likely that a vast majority of these licensees are small businesses. To the extent that these establishments offered adult entertainment for at least five calendar days between March 8, 1996 and April 8, 1996, they would be permitted to continue such entertainment. Similarly, transferees of alcoholic beverages licenses from existing licensees meeting the bill's qualifications would also be permitted to hold adult entertainment. The bill would limit the level of competition in Baltimore County; thus, existing licensees that meet the bill's qualifications would benefit. Licensees who want to offer adult entertainment, and who currently do not offer such activities, would be prohibited from doing so. Thus, their operations could be negatively impacted.

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