

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

Senate Bill 576 (Senator Derr)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Referred to Economic Matters

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Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages  
(Fund Raising Events)

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This amended bill allows specified volunteer fire companies in Frederick County to obtain a special license for the sale of beer, wine, and liquor for fund raising purposes. These entities include: (1) Middletown Volunteer Fire Company; (2) Wolfsville Volunteer Fire Company; (3) Jefferson Volunteer Fire Company; and (4) Myersville Volunteer Fire Company. A fire company must use all net proceeds from the sale of alcoholic beverages to purchase fire and rescue equipment, pay operating costs, and construct and maintain the building which houses the equipment.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Potential minimal revenue increase for Frederick County. No effect on expenditures.

**Small Business Effect:** None. The bill would not directly affect small businesses.

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Fiscal Analysis

**Local Revenues:** Frederick County revenues could increase depending upon the number of fund-raising events held by the volunteer fire departments. It is expected that either a special Class C beer, wine, and liquor license (\$30 per day) or a special Class C beer or beer and wine license (\$10 per day) would be issued to these entities. Although the number of fund-raising events is unknown, any additional license fee revenues would be minimal. For example, if each entity holds five events annually, revenues would increase by \$600 annually, assuming that the entities are issued special Class C beer, wine, and liquor licenses.

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