

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 676 (Senators Hughes and Sfikas)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Referred to Economic Matters

**Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages (Board of License Commissioners -
Employees)**

This amended bill requires the Executive Secretary, Deputy Executive Secretary, Inspector Supervisor, and Assistant Inspector Supervisor for the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to be residents of the city. Either the Executive Secretary or the Deputy Executive Secretary must be a member of the State bar. The bill also provides that full-time Liquor Control Board inspectors are part of the city's classified civil service. As such, the board may appoint and remove inspectors only in accordance with the provisions of law governing classified civil service employees. The city's Department of Personnel must ensure that the salaries for Inspector I and Inspector II employees are comparable to similar positions in city government. In addition, the bill prohibits an employee of the board from receiving political contributions or gifts from an alcoholic beverages licensee or other person engaged in the manufacture and sale of alcoholic beverages, or their employees. Violators are subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 and/or imprisonment not exceeding two years.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal general fund revenue and expenditure increase due to the applicable penalties.

Local Effect: Indeterminate effect on Baltimore City's expenditures as discussed below. Potential minimal revenue increase for the city due to the applicable monetary penalties.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal effect on small businesses. To the extent that small business licensees gave contributions or gifts to the board's employees, they will no longer be able to engage in such activities.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Expenditures: Adding full-time inspectors to the classified civil service of Baltimore City could affect future labor costs for such employees. The magnitude and direction of any impact on personnel costs cannot be reliably estimated at this time, but is assumed to be minimal.

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