

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 437 (Delegate McIntosh, *et al.*)
Economic Matters

Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages
(Hours and Days for Sale)

This bill authorizes the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners, by regulation, to restrict the hours and days for sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages in the city. Currently, these restrictions only apply in a specified area of the city.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Baltimore City could enforce the restrictions with existing resources. No effect on revenues.

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

Fiscal Analysis

Small Business Effect: In 1996 the Board of License Commissioners issued 1,494 alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore City. Although the number of licensees that are small businesses is unknown, a vast majority would fall into that category. Currently, the board may restrict the hours and days for the sale of alcoholic beverages in a specified area of Baltimore City. To the extent that the board tightens the restrictions on the hours and days for the sale and consumption of alcoholic beverages in the remaining areas of the city, small business licensees in those areas could be impacted. The impact would depend upon the scope and magnitude of the restrictions.

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