

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 558 (Senator Haines)  
(Carroll County Senate Delegation)  
Economic and Environmental Affairs

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Carroll County - Alcoholic Beverages (License Fees)

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This bill repeals the license fees for alcoholic beverages in Carroll County as specified in Article 2B of the Annotated Code of Maryland and vests the authority to set those fees with the county commissioners.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Indeterminate. Carroll County revenues could be impacted depending upon the direction and magnitude of any changes in license fees for the 140 licensed establishments in the county. In FY 1996 the county collected approximately \$160,000 in license fees.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal effect on small businesses as discussed below.

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Fiscal Analysis

**Small Business Effect:** In 1996 the Board of License Commissioners issued 140 alcoholic beverages licenses in Carroll County. Although the number of licensees that are small businesses is unknown, a vast majority would fall into that category. The bill gives the authority for setting license fees to the county commissioners. To the extent that the fees are changed by the county commissioners, small business licensees could be impacted. At this time, the magnitude and directions of such changes are unknown. However, it is likely that the changes would be minimal (less than \$500 per license).

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