

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 200 (Senator Craig)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Chain Stores, Supermarkets, or Discount Houses

This bill allows “chain stores” and franchisees in Harford County to reacquire an off-sale alcoholic beverage license, which was canceled or voluntarily surrendered, if the original license was issued before July 1, 1975 and was held through July 1, 1996. An application to reacquire must be submitted to the board of license commissioners by March 1, 1999.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Minimal increase in revenues. No effect on expenditures.

Small Business Effect: Minimal impact on small businesses.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Effect: In Harford County, only a chain store or franchisee which had an off-premise license prior to July 1, 1976 and held it through 1990 may sell alcohol off-premises. These licenses cannot be transferred. This bill would allow an exception by providing that if an off-premise license was issued before July 1, 1975 and was held through July 1, 1996 and later canceled or voluntarily given up, a chain store or franchisee may reacquire the license.

There is currently one establishment which is eligible under the bill's provisions to reacquire an off-premise license. The license fee would generate \$250 in revenue for Harford County annually.

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