

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
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Senate Bill 260 (Senator McFadden)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Fines and Suspensions

This emergency bill authorizes the Board of License Commissioners of Baltimore City to impose both a fine and a suspension on a licensee for a violation of alcoholic beverage laws that are cause for suspension. Current law authorizes the board to impose a fine or suspend a license, but not both. The bill also increases from \$1,000 to \$3,000 the maximum fine for a subsequent violation of alcoholic beverage laws.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential minimal revenue increase. No effect on expenditures.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal impact on small businesses.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Effect: Under current law a licensee is usually fined rather than suspended. Although the number of suspensions could increase under this bill, it is not expected that there would be an increase in the number of fines issued by the board of license commissioners. Baltimore City advises however, that annually there would be four or five licensees that have subsequent violations. Thus, the maximum increase in revenues is estimated at \$10,000 annually. The board currently collects about \$60,000 in fines annually.

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