

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Revised

Senate Bill 701 (Senator Hafer)  
Economic and Environmental Affairs

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**Garrett County - Alcoholic Beverages - Background Checks**

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This bill requires the Garrett County Board of License Commissioners to conduct criminal background checks and obtain fingerprints of applicants for renewal of existing licenses and new alcoholic beverage licenses. The county may impose a fee to cover the costs of such activities. Under current law, no background checks are performed on alcoholic beverages license applicants.

This bill is effective July 1, 1998.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** The total maximum cost of a criminal history record check and fingerprinting is \$52, which includes State and national background checks. This cost would be borne by applicants. Assuming fewer than 10,000 applicants, State expenditures would not be affected.

**Local Effect:** None. Any costs for background checks would be passed on to license applicants.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal impact on small businesses.

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**Information Source(s):** Garrett County, Department of State Police, Department of Public Safety (Information Technology and Communications Division), Department of Legislative Services

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