

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Revised

House Bill 343 (Howard County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Howard County - Alcoholic Beverages - Wine Tasting License
Ho. Co. 13-98

This bill authorizes the Howard County Board of License Commissioners to issue wine tasting (WT) licenses to Class A (beer, wine, and liquor or beer and wine) licensees. The annual license fee is \$100. A wine tasting license authorizes the on-premise consumption of wine for tasting or sampling only. Wine tasting licensees may not serve more than one ounce from each given brand to any one person and no more than four ounces to any one person in a single day. In addition, the wine cannot contain more than 14% of alcohol by volume.

This bill sunsets on September 30, 2001.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Howard County revenues could increase by a minimal amount depending upon the number of Class A licensees that apply for a wine tasting permit. No effect on expenditures.

Small Business Effect: Minimal impact on small businesses.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Effect: Howard County estimates that approximately 30 wine tasting licenses will be issued annually over the next three years at a fee of \$100 per license, resulting in a revenue increase of \$3,000 per year.

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