

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

House Bill 483 (Delegate Bozman, *et al.*)  
Economic Matters

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Worcester County - Alcoholic Beverages - Retail Dealers - Credit

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This bill prohibits a manufacturer or wholesaler from delivering beer to a retail dealer that has failed to pay a balance owed or has made a payment for a beer purchase with a bad check and is currently listed on the Worcester County beer credit control list. Under current law, such sellers are only prohibited from delivering beer to a retailer that has failed to pay a balance or made such payment with a bad check.

If a retail dealer requests a hearing with the Comptroller's Office within 10 days of being placed on the list, the retail dealer must be removed from the list pending the disposition of the hearing.

The bill also repeals the September 30, 1998 sunset provision that applies to Worcester County and the conditions and restrictions on credit sales by wholesalers to retail dealers.

The bill is effective July 1, 1998.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Any administrative costs could be handled with existing resources of the Comptroller's Office. No effect on revenues.

**Local Effect:** No effect on revenues or expenditures.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful impact on wholesalers that rely on the beer credit control list to determine if a retail dealer may be a credit risk, because the retail dealer may not be on the list due to a hearing request.

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