

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

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House Bill 1043 (Delegate McIntosh. *et al.*)

Economic Matters

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**Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Beer and Wine Tasting**

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This bill increases from one to four the number of wine festival licenses that may be issued annually in Baltimore City. A wine festival license may not be issued in Districts 46 and 47A.

The bill also authorizes the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to issue one-day beer and wine tasting licenses (BWT) to Class A (beer, wine, and liquor or beer and wine) licensees. The board may issue a maximum of 12 licenses per year. A BWT license authorizes the on-premise consumption of beer or wine for tasting or sampling only. Wine samples cannot be more than one ounce from a given brand to any one person and beer samples cannot be more than three ounces from a given brand to any one person.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Baltimore City revenues could increase by a minimal amount depending upon the number of licensees that apply for a wine festival license and the number of Class A licensees that apply for a beer and wine tasting permit. No effect on expenditures.

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

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Effect:** There is currently one wine festival license issued annually. Baltimore City estimates that one additional license will be issued each year resulting in a \$15 revenue increase. In Baltimore City there are currently 63 Class A beer and wine licensees and 294 Class A beer, wine, and liquor licensees. Baltimore City estimates that only four licenses

will be issued annually. Assuming the board sets a \$25 license fee, revenues would increase by \$100 annually. If additional licenses are issued, the maximum revenue increase would be \$300 annually.

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