

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
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House Bill 854 (Dorchester County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Dorchester County - Special Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Caterers

This bill for Dorchester County allows a special Class C beer, beer and wine, or beer, wine, and liquor licensee to cater an event on the premises of the licensed establishment on the effective days of the license.

The bill also authorizes the Dorchester County Board of License Commissioners to issue special licenses of any class, except for any license issued by the comptroller, for events conducted by a club, society, association, or organization. The fee is \$15 per day for a special beer or beer and wine license. The fee is \$25 per day for a special beer, wine, and liquor license. A special licensee is allowed to cater an event at the place described in the license on the effective days of the license.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

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

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Effect: Allowing special Class C licensees to cater events is not expected to increase the number of licenses issued. For illustrative purposes, Dorchester County issued 10 special Class C licenses in 1997. Allowing societies, clubs, or other organizations to obtain special licenses could increase revenues depending on how many organizations apply for licenses and the type of licenses for which they apply. Any increase would be minimal.

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