

Department of Legislative Services
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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 195 (Senator McFadden)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

**Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - License, Transfer, and
Administrative Fees**

This emergency bill relating to Baltimore City alcoholic beverage laws provides for the following: (1) increases the fee for Class C beer and wine 1-day licenses from \$15 to \$25 per day; (2) increases the fee for Class C beer, wine, and liquor 1-day licenses from \$30 to \$50 per day; (3) increases the fee for Class B special beer festival licenses from a one-time only fee of \$50 to \$50 per day; (4) increases transfer or assignment fees from \$20 to \$100; (5) exempts Class C licensees from the transfer or assignment fee up to one time a year; (6) authorizes the board of license commissioners to charge a \$25 fee for the production and service of summonses and hearing notices; (7) authorizes the board to charge \$5 for each summons or hearing notice delivered by mail; and (8) authorizes the board to impose a \$100 administrative hearing fee for any licensee charged with a violation.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Revenues would increase by approximately \$55,000 annually. No effect on expenditures.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Revenues: The following chart outlines revenue increases for Baltimore City under this bill.

Source	No. of Licensees\ Notices\Hrgs	Increase	Annual Revenue Increase
Class C 1-Day Beer and Wine	323	\$10	\$3,230
Class C 1-Day Beer, Wine, and Liquor	352	\$20	\$7,040
Class B Beer Festival License	10	\$100*	\$1,000
Transfer Fees	200	\$80	\$16,000
Production & Service Fees	240	\$25**	\$6,000
Administrative Hearing Fees	217	\$100**	\$21,700
Total Estimated Revenue Increase			\$54,970

* = *assumes three-day festival*, ** = *new fee*

The bill also authorizes the board of license commissioners to charge \$5 for each summons or hearing notice delivered by mail. Baltimore City advises that all summonses and hearing notices are delivered in person, therefore this provision would have no effect on revenues. Exempting Class C licensees from the transfer or assignment fee up to one time a year is not expected to have a significant impact on city revenues.

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