

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1246 (Delegate Kirk. *et al.*)

Economic Matters

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Alcoholic Beverages - Beer and Wine Festivals

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This bill requires that wine and beer purchased for sale or display by a special wine festival licensee meet specific requirements in Anne Arundel, Dorchester, Charles, Queen Anne's, and Worcester counties. Under the bill, wine purchased for sale or display must be price filed with the Comptroller's Office and be distributed in the State market at the time the application for a special license is filed. Only beer which is distributed in the State may be sold or displayed at a festival. All beer or wine displayed or sold by a festival licensee must be invoiced by and delivered from the premises of a licensed State wholesaler, winery, or limited winery.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Local liquor boards could monitor special beer or wine festival licensees with existing resources. No effect on revenues.

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

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**Information Source(s):** Comptroller's Office (Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit), Anne Arundel County, Dorchester County, Queen Anne's County, Worcester County, Department of Legislative Services

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