

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 327 (Allegany County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Allegany County - Restaurants - Sunday Sale Permits

This bill repeals the current law requirement that 60% of a restaurant's gross monthly sales must be from the sale of food in order to sell alcohol on Sunday.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Allegany County revenues would increase by \$250 for each Sunday permit issued. No effect on expenditures.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful impact on small businesses.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Effect: Allegany County estimates that Sunday sale permits will be issued to seven restaurants annually at a fee of \$250 per permit, resulting in a revenue increase of \$1,750 annually.

Small Business Effect: There are approximately 15 restaurants in Allegany County which would be eligible for Sunday sale permits. The majority of these restaurants would fall into the category of a small business. Revenues for establishments which receive a Sunday permit would increase due to the sale of alcohol. For restaurants which currently operate on Sunday, this would be additional revenue. For restaurants that open on Sunday as a result of receiving a permit, the revenues from alcohol sales would be offset by the operating costs of opening on this day.

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