

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 569 (Senator Colburn)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Alcoholic Beverages - Sales of Alcoholic Beverages to Minors

This bill provides that an alcoholic beverages licensee may not be found guilty of selling or of giving alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of 21 if it can be established that: (1) the licensee was not present at the time the person under 21 obtained the alcoholic beverage; and (2) the licensee had in good faith, established procedures, training, and penalties for its employees for the prevention of under age sales. Under current law, a licensee or employee of a licensee may not be found guilty of underage sales if it is established that due caution was used to establish the age of the person, if the person was a nonresident of the State.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: This bill would not directly affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal impact on small businesses.

Information Source(s): Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts), Department of Legislative Services

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