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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 510 (Delegate Bozman. *et al.*)

Economic Matters

Worcester County - Liquor Control Board - Borrowing Limit

This bill increases the maximum amount that the Worcester County Liquor Control Board may borrow from a banking institution from \$500,000 to \$1 million.

The bill is effective July 1, 1999.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: County and municipal revenues could increase by an estimated \$28,800 annually. Expenditures would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Effect: The bill will allow the Worcester County Liquor Control Board to borrow up to \$1 million to buy stock for its seven outlets and two warehouses from distillers without going through wholesalers which the board estimates could increase profits by about 5%. The board's net profit in fiscal 1998 was \$577,000. This revenue is remitted to the county where it is shared equally with the municipal governments in which there is an outlet (Berlin, Ocean City, Pocomoke City, and Snow Hill). Thus, county and municipal revenues could increase by approximately \$28,800 each year.

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