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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 731 (Delegate Bozman. *et al.*)

Economic Matters

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Worcester County - Alcoholic Beverages - Special Entertainment Licenses

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This bill prohibits an alcoholic beverages licensee in Worcester County from providing certain entertainment unless a special entertainment license is obtained. The bill creates special music and dancing licenses for different license types. The annual fees are: (1) \$50 for a special music license; (2) \$200 for a special dancing license for beer, wine, and liquor licensees; and (3) \$100 for a special dancing license for beer and wine licensees. A Class C licensee does not have to pay a fee to obtain a special entertainment license to have music, dancing, and other legal forms of entertainment. The Board of License Commissioners may only issue a special music or dancing license if: (1) the use of the license will not violate fire, health, or building regulations; (2) the applicant can adequately control patrons; (3) the license is necessary for public accommodation; (4) the operation of the licensed premises will not disturb the peace of residents near the business; and (5) the granting of a license will not be detrimental to the general public welfare.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Worcester County revenues would increase by approximately \$34,500 in FY 2000 and each year thereafter. The Worcester County Board of License Commissioners could monitor licensees with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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## Fiscal Analysis

**Local Revenues:** Worcester County revenues will increase for each special entertainment license issued. There are currently 400 alcoholic beverages licensees in Worcester County. Because Class A and Class C licensees are not affected by the bill's requirements, approximately 300 licensees will be required to obtain a special entertainment license. Approximately 150 licensees will be required to obtain a special music license (\$50), thus revenues will increase by \$7,500. There are approximately 120 beer, wine, and liquor licensees that will be required to obtain a special dancing license (\$200), resulting in a revenue increase of \$24,000. There are approximately 30 beer and wine licensees that will be required to obtain a special dancing license (\$100), meaning revenues will increase by \$3,000. Total annual revenue increases for the issuance of special entertainment licenses will be approximately \$34,500.

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