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FISCAL NOTE
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House Bill 522 (Delegate Bozman. *et al.*)

Economic Matters

Worcester County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class I License

This bill creates a 6-day and 7-day Class I (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license in Worcester County. The license may only be issued within: (1) the corporate limits of Ocean City; (2) the 10th election district; or (3) the 1st and 2nd precincts of the 3rd election district. The annual license fee is \$2,500 for a 6-day license and \$3,000 for a 7-day license. For licensed premises located in a municipality, 75% of license fee revenue goes to the municipality, the remainder goes to the county.

This bill is effective June 1, 1999.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Minimal revenue increase. The Worcester County Board of License Commissioners could monitor licensees with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Revenues: Worcester County assumes that three establishments in Ocean City would apply for a Class I license; two for a 7-day license and one for a 6-day license. Thus, Worcester County revenues would increase by approximately \$3,055 in fiscal 2000, reflecting 25% of the revenue generated from the issuance of the licenses and an initial application fee of \$310 for each new license. County revenues would increase by \$2,125 annually thereafter for the license fee alone. Ocean City would receive 75% of the revenue

generated from the annual license fee, thus increasing city revenues by \$6,375 annually.

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