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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 114 (Calvert County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Calvert County - Alcoholic Beverages - Licenses

This bill requires the Calvert County Board of License Commissioners to conduct criminal background checks and obtain fingerprints of applicants for new alcoholic beverage licenses or transfers of existing licenses. In addition, the bill establishes a \$250 application fee for a new license or transfer of an existing license.

The bill also requires that an application for renewal of an existing license be received between April 1 and May 1. Renewal applications received after May 1 are subject to a late fine of \$50 for each day the application is late. Licensees are required to provide the hours of operation, the name of the manager, and a statement showing that all applicable taxes are paid for the licensed business. An application for a Class B license renewal must include a statement showing the average monthly sales of food and alcohol for the licensed premises.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Minimal revenue increase. No effect on expenditures.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Revenues: There are approximately ten applications for new licenses each year that

would generate \$2,500 in revenue. Calvert County advises that the application fee would cover the cost of the criminal background check. The total maximum cost of a criminal history record check and fingerprinting is \$52, which includes State and national background checks, meaning that the net revenue increase would be \$1,980. The number of licensees that would be late in filing a renewal application cannot be determined at this time. Any revenue from late fees is assumed to be minimal.

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