

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
1999 Session

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 514 (Delegate Edwards)

Economic Matters

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**Garrett County - Alcoholic Beverages - Wine Tasting License**

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This bill authorizes the Garrett County Board of License Commissioners to issue a wine tasting license to a holder of a beer, wine, and liquor license or beer and wine license. The annual license fee is \$100. A wine tasting license authorizes the on-premise consumption of wine for tasting or sampling only. The board is required to regulate the quantity of wine served and the number of bottles of wine from which the quantity is served. A wine tasting license may not be exercised during the Maryland Wine Festival. The board may adopt rules and regulations in issuing wine tasting licenses.

The bill is effective June 1, 1999.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Garrett County revenues could increase by a minimal amount depending upon the number of licensees that apply for a wine tasting license.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Revenues:** Garrett County estimates that approximately five to ten wine tasting licenses will be issued annually at a fee of \$100 per license, resulting in a revenue increase of between \$500 and \$1,000 each year.

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**Information Source(s):** Garrett County, Department of Legislative Services

**Fiscal Note History:**

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