

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly  
1999 Session

**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 944 (Delegate Conway, *et al.*)

Judiciary

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**Wicomico County - Gaming Requirements and Guidelines**

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This bill allows the Wicomico County Sheriff to issue gaming licenses to certain tax exempt non-profit and fraternal organizations that have been located in the county for at least five years. The bill alters certain reporting requirements of gaming licensees, alters the licensing fee structure, and creates a Gaming Advisory Committee to assist in licensing and reporting.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Potential minimal increase in revenues. No effect on expenditures.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Revenues:** Under current law, an applicant for a gaming license must pay \$1 for each day gaming will take place plus \$1 for each game to be played. This bill would require the applicant to pay \$1 for each day the permit is valid plus \$1 per game per day. The bill would also allow the county to issue yearly permits; however, the license fee would continue to be assessed per day. The increase in revenues, if any, would be minimal. Likewise, any revenue increase attributable to additional licenses issued to nonprofits and fraternal organizations would be minimal.

**Local Expenditures:** Any increase in workload resulting from additional licenses being issued could be absorbed with existing budgeted resources.

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