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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 614 (Senators Haines and Ferguson)
(Carroll County Senators)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Carroll County - Board of License Commissioners - Penalties

This bill authorizes the Carroll County Board of License Commissioners to impose both a fine and a suspension on a licensee for any violation of the alcoholic beverage laws that are cause for suspension. Current law authorizes the board to impose a fine or suspend a license, but not both.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential minimal revenue increase. No effect on expenditures.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Effect: Under current law, a licensee is usually fined rather than suspended. Although the number of suspensions could increase under this bill, it is not expected that there would be an increase in the number of fines issued by the board of license commissioners. Carroll County advises that in fiscal 1998 there were three suspensions of alcoholic beverage licensees that were subsequently changed to fines. In all three cases the licensees elected to pay the fine.

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