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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 198 (St. Mary's County Delegation)

Economic Matters

St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Felony Conviction

This bill requires the St. Mary's County Alcoholic Beverages Board to deny an application for a new alcoholic beverages license if the board determines that the applicant has been convicted of a felony. The board is also authorized to deny an application for renewal of an existing license if the applicant has been convicted of a felony. Prior to approval of a renewal application, a public hearing is required in which all relevant facts and circumstances of the offense may be examined. Under current law, an applicant for an alcoholic beverages license must submit a signed statement that the applicant has never been convicted of a felony and has never been found guilty of any violation of alcoholic beverage or gambling laws.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The prohibition against granting new licenses to felons would not directly affect St. Mary's County finances or operations. Any costs associated with a public hearing for a license renewal of a felon applicant could be handled with existing resources of the liquor board.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

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