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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1078 (Delegate Eckardt)

Economic Matters

Dorchester County - Alcoholic Beverages

This bill increases the alcohol content of “light wine” from 14% to 22% in Dorchester County. The bill also authorizes the Dorchester County Board of License Commissioners to issue a one-day wine tasting (WT) alcoholic beverages license. The license fee is \$25 per day. A wine tasting license authorizes the on-premise consumption of wine for tasting or sampling only. Wine tasting licensees may not serve more than one ounce from a single brand or four ounces to any one person in a single day. The board may not require the publication of an application prior to granting the license. The bill also allows on-sale consumption of alcoholic beverages for one hour after sales of alcoholic beverages must cease.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential minimal revenue increase. The Dorchester County Board of License Commissioners could monitor licensees with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Fiscal Analysis

Local Revenues: Dorchester County estimates that approximately 25 wine tasting licenses will be issued annually at a fee of \$25, resulting in a revenue increase of \$625 per year.

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

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