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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 483 (Senator Colburn)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Talbot County - Alcoholic Beverages - Licenses

This bill allows the holder of a State Class 4 limited winery license to also hold a Class C (on-sale) beer and light wine club license in Talbot County.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: General fund revenues could increase by \$200 annually if the one Class C beer and light wine licensee in Talbot County acquires a State Class 4 limited winery license.

Local Effect: None. No new retail licensees would be expected in the near future.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: A licensed wine manufacturer may not have a financial interest in a retail alcoholic beverages license.

State Revenues: There is currently one Class C licensee in Talbot County, and if the bill passes, the licensee intends to pursue a State Class 4 limited winery license. If this occurs, annual State revenues would increase by \$200, the licensing fee for a Class 4 license. The license has no application fee.

Small Business Effect: One small business in Talbot County has a Class C beer and light wine license and would like to acquire a Class 4 limited winery license from the State. If the bill passes and this occurs, the licensee could profit from the production and sale of wine. There are no other Class C beer and light wine licensees currently operating in Talbot County, but future Class C licensees could also benefit if they wish to pursue Class 4 licenses.

The bill would also allow the holder of a Class 4 license to apply for a Class C beer and light wine license from Talbot County. No new Class C licensees are currently expected, but in the future, the establishment of premises licensed to sell wine at retail could potentially benefit a winery.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 1292 (Delegate Schisler) - Economic Matters.

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