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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 244   (Delegate Love)

Economic Matters

Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Penalties

This bill increases the penalty that the Board of License Commissioners of Anne Arundel County may impose on licensees for a violation that is cause for suspension under the county's alcoholic beverages laws. The penalty may include a fine of up to $2,000 or license suspension, or both. Licensees located in the City of Annapolis are not subject to the increased penalties.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Based on prior experience, Anne Arundel County revenues could increase by approximately $5,000 in FY 2001 due to the increase in fines. Out-years would reflect an increase of $5,000 to $7,000 annually.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: The Board of License Commissioners of Anne Arundel County may impose a fine of up to $1,000 in lieu of suspension for a violation that is cause for suspension under the alcoholic beverages laws in the county.

Local Revenues: On average, the Board of License Commissioners of Anne Arundel County hears about five to seven cases per year for which licensees are fined or have their license suspended. Assuming the number of fines does not change, annual Anne Arundel County revenues will increase by $5,000 to $7,000. Due to the October 1, 2000 effective date of the bill, the low end of the average, $5,000, is estimated for fiscal 2001.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: SB 320 of 1997 would have increased the penalty to $5,000 or suspension of license or both. The bill was withdrawn.

Cross File: None.

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