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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 465 (Senator Colburn)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Caroline County - Alcoholic Beverages - Open Container Law

This bill prohibits in Caroline County the possession in an open container of any alcoholic beverage while in the parking lot or otherwise outside of a shopping center or any other retail establishment, unless authorized through written consent by the owner of the establishment. A person in violation of the bill is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction is subject to a fine of up to \$100.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal increase in fine revenue, depending on the number and amounts of fines levied.

Local Effect: Local law enforcement officers could enforce the bill's provisions with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Caroline County is not among the counties that regulate open containers of alcoholic beverages outside of retail establishments. The counties currently covered under this law are Carroll, Dorchester, Harford, and Montgomery.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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