# **Department of Legislative Services**

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#### **FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 566 (Charles County Delegation)

Economic Matters

## **Charles County - Possession and Consumption of Alcohol - Regulation**

This bill adds Charles County to the counties that may adopt ordinances or resolutions to regulate the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on public property, on property used by the public, and on highways. The adopted ordinances and resolutions would be in addition to those written into State law.

### **Fiscal Summary**

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Ordinances or resolutions could be written and enforced with existing Charles

County resources.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

### **Analysis**

**Current Law:** Charles County does not have the authority to adopt additional ordinances and regulations surrounding the possession or consumption of alcoholic beverages on public property. Nine jurisdictions -- Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Cecil, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Prince George's, and St. Mary's counties -- are given this specific authority.

#### **Additional Information**

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Comptroller (Alcohol and Tobacco Tax), Charles County,

Department of Legislative Services

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