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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 427 (Frederick County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Cultural Arts Center License

This bill creates a special Class C (Cultural Arts Center) on-sale beer and wine license in Frederick County to be issued to the Cultural Arts Center of Frederick County. The license permits the center to serve beer and wine from one hour before until one hour after performances at the center. The president and two officers of the Maryland Ensemble Theatre must sign the license application, and two of the three signers must reside in Frederick County. The annual licensing fee is \$100.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Frederick County revenues would increase by \$300 in FY 2001 due to the application and licensing fees. Future years would reflect only the licensing fee of \$100.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: There is no license applicable to the Cultural Arts Center of Frederick County.

Background: The Cultural Arts Center of Frederick County, a multi-purpose arts space and arts incubator in downtown Frederick, is scheduled to open in March 2001.

Local Revenues: The new license would only be available to the Cultural Arts Center of Frederick County. The annual licensing fee is \$100 and an initial application fee of \$200

would be required to acquire the license. Frederick County advises that the application fee only covers the cost of advertising the public hearing that must precede the issuance of the license. Future years would continue to generate the \$100 license fee.

Small Business Effect: If the ability to sell beer and wine at art center performances increases traffic to the historic downtown area of the City of Frederick, other businesses may attract additional customers before and after shows.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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