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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 538 (Delegate Edwards)

Economic Matters

Garrett County - Alcoholic Beverages - Resort Licenses

This bill creates a Class B-resort beer, wine, and liquor license in Garrett County. In order to qualify, a resort must have at least two facilities that are: (1) located on the same contiguous property; (2) separated by at least 150 feet from the main area of the resort; and (3) determined to be recreational, hotel, motel, or restaurant facilities. The annual licensing fee is \$1,500 per facility and the issuing fee for a new license is the same as the annual license fee. For a resort to sell draft beer, it must obtain a separate license for \$75 per facility. Again, the initial issuing fee is the same as the annual licensing fee.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Garrett County revenues could increase by up to \$6,300 in FY 2001 for each resort license issued, due to the issuing and licensing fees. Resort licensees could be monitored with the existing resources of the Board of License Commissioners of Garrett County.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: There is no resort license in Garrett County.

Background: There currently are no establishments in Garrett County that would qualify for a resort license. The county, however, hopes that up to two businesses will qualify for the

license in the near future. One possible license depends on a pending sale and another is expected for the planned Sports Adventure Museum.

Local Revenues: Assuming two facilities per resort, both of which serve draft beer, Garrett County revenues would increase by \$6,300 in fiscal 2001 for each license issued to a resort, \$3,150 for the licensing fee and \$3,150 for the issuing fees. The out-years would reflect only the \$3,150 licensing fee. If Garrett County issues one Class B-resort license in fiscal 2001 and a second in fiscal 2002, revenues would increase by \$6,300 in fiscal 2001 and by \$9,450 in fiscal 2002. The years thereafter would generate \$6,300, \$3,150 in licensing fees from each of the two resorts.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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