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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 489 (Delegate Conway, *et al.*)

Economic Matters

Wicomico County - Alcoholic Beverages - License Fees

This bill increases the licensing fees in Wicomico County for four types of licenses. The annual fee for a Class B beer and light wine license is increased from \$275 to \$400; the daily fee for a special Class C beer license and a special Class C beer and wine license is increased from \$20 to \$30; and the daily fee for a special Class C beer, wine, and liquor license is increased from \$35 to \$45.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Annual Wicomico County revenues would increase by approximately \$2,125 due to the increase in licensing fees. County expenditures are not affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: The annual fee for a Class B beer and light wine license is \$275; the daily fee for a special Class C beer and a special Class C beer and wine license is \$20; and the daily fee for a special Class C beer, wine, and liquor license is \$35.

Local Revenues: There are currently 13 Class B beer and light wine licenses issued in Wicomico County, each of which would be subject to a \$125 increase in the licensing fee. As a result, county revenues would increase by \$1,625. Most years, there are around 50 special Class C licenses issued in the county. With the increase of \$10 to these licenses, county revenues would increase by about \$500 annually. In total, the increase in revenues

would be approximately \$2,125 if the number of licensees remains the same.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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