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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 829   (Senator Della)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Class B License Fees

This bill increases the license fee for a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license held by a restaurant with a capacity for dining of more than 100 persons. The annual license fee for a restaurant with a dining capacity of 101 to 300 persons is increased to $2,000 and the annual license fee for a restaurant with a dining capacity of more than 300 persons is increased to $3,500. Dining capacity will be determined by the Baltimore City Fire Department.

The bill is effective July 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Baltimore City revenues would increase by $184,500 annually based on the current number of Class B beer, wine, and liquor licensees and their respective dining capacities.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: In Baltimore City, the license fee for a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license is $1,000 regardless of the size of the licensed restaurant.

Local Revenues: Baltimore City revenues would increase by $1,000 annually for each Class B beer, wine, and liquor licensed restaurant with a dining capacity of 101 to 300 people and by $2,500 annually for each restaurant with a dining capacity of over 300 people. There are

117 Class B licensees that would be subject to a $1,000 increase (generating an additional $117,000) and 27 that would be subject to the $2,500 increase ($67,500). Assuming the number of licensees remains relatively constant, Baltimore City would realize an additional $184,500 annually from increased license fees.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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