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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 162  
Economic Matters

(St. Mary's County Delegation)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

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**St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Regulation**

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This bill alters the qualifications of citizens who sign a certificate of support attached to an application for a new alcoholic beverages license in St. Mary's County by requiring them to be registered voters of the county. The bill also changes the name of the local liquor licensing board to the Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. This bill codifies existing practice.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Applications for new alcoholic beverages licenses in St. Mary's County are required to have certificates of support signed by ten citizens who are owners of real estate within five miles of the premises to be licensed. The local liquor licensing board is known as the Alcoholic Beverages Board of St. Mary's County.

**Background:** St. Mary's County advises that the Alcoholic Beverage Board's rules and regulations currently require citizens who sign such certificates of support to be registered voters of St. Mary's County and own real estate within five miles of the licensed premises.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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