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**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 553

(Senator Colburn)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

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**Caroline County - Alcoholic Beverages - Disciplinary Proceedings Against Licensees**

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This emergency bill authorizes the Caroline County Board of License Commissioners to proceed administratively against an alcoholic beverages licensee or an employee of the licensee who has been granted probation before judgment for violating prohibitions on the sale of alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years old or to a person who is visibly intoxicated. The bill also renders inapplicable to Caroline County specified provisions of current law, including one that prohibits the Caroline County Board of License Commissioners from proceeding administratively against an alcoholic beverages licensee or an employee of the licensee who has been found not guilty or granted probation without a verdict for violating the law against selling alcoholic beverages to a minor or intoxicated person.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Any additional hearings required by the bill could be supported with the existing resources of the Board of License Commissioners. Any revenue from additional fines is assumed to be minimal.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful.

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## Analysis

**Current Law:** The Caroline County Board of License Commissioners is barred from proceeding administratively against an alcoholic beverages licensee or an employee of the licensee who has been found not guilty or granted probation without a verdict for violating the law against selling alcoholic beverages to a minor or intoxicated person.

**Small Business Effect:** A small business licensee or the employee of a small business licensee could be subjected to a hearing by the Caroline County Board of License Commissioners for violations of the law against selling alcoholic beverages to a minor or an intoxicated person. If the board determines that a penalty is necessary, the board could: (1) suspend the license; (2) fine the licensee; (3) suspend the license and fine the licensee; or (4) permanently revoke the license.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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