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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 344

(Charles County Delegation)

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**Charles County - Alcoholic Beverages - License Suspensions**

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This bill authorizes the Board of License Commissioners of Charles County to suspend an alcoholic beverages license on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday if the suspension is four days or less and the licensed premises is only open on Friday, Saturday, or Sunday or any combination of those days.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Altering the days an alcoholic beverages license can be suspended will not directly affect Charles County finances.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful. To the extent that a suspension prevents an alcoholic beverages licensee from remaining open for business, the licensees' operations will be materially affected.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Board of License Commissioners of Charles County may impose a fine not to exceed \$1,000 or suspend an alcoholic beverages license for any violation of the county's alcoholic beverages law. If a license is suspended for four days or less the suspension may not be on a Friday, Saturday, or Sunday. A license can be suspended for: (1) selling alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age; (2) having illegal gambling devices on the licensed premises; (3) not having two years of invoices on the licensed premises; (4) refilling bottles; (5) not properly displaying all alcoholic beverages

licenses; (6) buying alcoholic beverages from a non-licensed wholesaler; (7) remaining open past 2:00 a.m.; and (8) allowing consumption of alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises' parking lot.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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