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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 345 (Charles County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Charles County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class B Bed and Breakfast License

This bill authorizes the Charles County Board of License Commissioners to issue a special Class B-B&B (bed and breakfast) on-sale beer, wine, and liquor license for inns to serve alcoholic beverages to guests with overnight accommodations. An applicant's establishment may not have dining facilities open to the public. Annual fees are \$25 for inns with one to five bedrooms and \$50 for inns with six or more bedrooms.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Charles County revenues could increase by \$150 in FY 2002.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: There is no Class B-B&B (bed and breakfast) on-sale beer, wine, and liquor license in Charles County.

Background: Charles County advises that there have been no more than four bed and breakfast inns in the county at any one time. Of the four that were previously open for business, two were small bed and breakfast inns with five or fewer rooms for overnight accommodations and two were large bed and breakfast inns with six or more rooms for overnight accommodations.

Local Fiscal Effect: The number of potential licensees is unknown. However, Charles County revenues could increase by \$150 in fiscal 2002 assuming two small bed and breakfast inns and two large bed and breakfast inns obtain a Class B-B&B (bed and breakfast) on-sale beer, wine, and liquor license.

Small Business Effect: To the extent that the availability of a Class B-B&B on-sale beer, wine, and liquor license will attract the former bed and breakfast inns and other such ventures, competition will increase.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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