# **Department of Legislative Services**

Maryland General Assembly 2001 Session

## FISCAL NOTE Revised

House Bill 1096

(St. Mary's County Delegation)

**Economic Matters** 

**Economic and Environmental Affairs** 

#### St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Exemption for Special License Holders

This emergency bill exempts a religious, fraternal, civic, veterans, hospital, or charitable organization in St. Mary's County that has been issued a special alcoholic beverage license from the restriction that prevents individuals from consuming alcoholic beverages at a licensed establishment in which the alcoholic beverage was not sold.

#### **Fiscal Summary**

State Effect: None.

**Local Effect:** Exempting special licensees from certain licensing restrictions would not affect St. Mary's County finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

### **Analysis**

**Current Law:** It is unlawful for an individual to consume alcoholic beverages on the premises of an establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverages that was not purchased at that establishment.

**Background:** St. Mary's County advises that it issues approximately 36 special licenses to religious, fraternal, civic, veterans, hospital, or charitable organizations each year.

## **Additional Information**

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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