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**FISCAL NOTE**

House Bill 217 (Harford County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Economic and Environmental Affairs

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**Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Stadium Beer and Light Wine License**

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This bill authorizes the Harford County Liquor Control Board to issue a stadium beer and light wine (on sale) license to the owner or lessee of a professional baseball stadium for use on the stadium premises. The annual license fee is set at \$5,000. A stadium beer and light wine (on sale) licensee is authorized to sell beer and, if sold with a meal, light wine on the premises: (1) for consumption on the premises; (2) in a plastic, paper, or styrofoam container except that a glass container may be used in an enclosed dining area where patrons are seated; (3) to a person present at a baseball game in which the team of the licensee or lessee is playing; and (4) to a person present at an event that is held at the stadium. Except for a wholesaler of beer or wine who is conducting business with the licensee, a licensee may not allow a person to carry alcoholic beverages onto or from the licensed premises. The licensee may sell beer or light wine Monday through Saturday during the hours of 12 noon to 9 p.m. and on Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. During a baseball game only, the licensee may not sell beer or light wine after the beginning of the eighth inning, or during a doubleheader game, after the beginning of the sixth inning of the second game.

The bill is effective July 1, 2001.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Harford County revenues could increase by \$5,000 for each stadium beer and light wine license issued.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal.

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## Analysis

**Current Law:** Harford County does not have a stadium beer and light wine (on sale) license.

**Background:** There are no professional baseball stadiums currently located in Harford County that could benefit from a stadium beer and light wine (on sale) license. One baseball facility, the 6,000-seat Ripken Stadium, is scheduled to open in April 2003. Ripken Stadium is expected to be the home playing field for a Single A minor league professional team.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Assuming only one license is issued, Harford County revenues would increase by \$5,000 annually beginning in fiscal 2003.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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