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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1277 (Delegate Love)
Economic Matters

City of Annapolis - Alcoholic Beverages - Wine Festival License

This bill authorizes the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board of the City of Annapolis to issue a special festival (AWF) alcoholic beverages license for a wine festival to the holder of an existing State Class 3 winery license or a State Class 4 limited winery license. The license fee is set at \$50. The board may select one weekend annually during July, August, or September for a wine festival and shall ensure that the primary focus of the festival is the promotion of Maryland wine.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Annapolis revenues would increase by \$50 for each license issued.

Small Business Effect: Minimal. To the extent that the City of Annapolis Wine Festival promotes Maryland based wineries their businesses could be positively impacted.

Analysis

Current Law: There is no special festival (AWF) alcoholic beverages license in the City of Annapolis.

Background: There are eleven wineries in Maryland: Basignani Winery, Boordy Winery, Catocin Winery, Cygnus Wine Cellars, Deep Creek Cellars, Elk Run Vineyards, Fiore Winery, Liganore Wine Cellars, Loew Vineyards, Penn Oak Winery, and Woodhall Wine Cellars. All the wineries, except Penn Oak Winery which just started

operations, participated in the two wine festivals held in Maryland during calendar 2000 that promoted Maryland wine exclusively.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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