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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 349

(Charles County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Charles County - Alcoholic Beverages - Public Golf Courses

This bill authorizes an alcoholic beverages licensee in Charles County to sell and persons to consume alcoholic beverages on the grounds of a public golf course.

The bill is effective June 1, 2001.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Charles County revenues could increase by approximately \$1,200 in FY 2001 and by approximately \$9,000 in FY 2002 and each year thereafter.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: An alcoholic beverages licensee may sell and a person may consume alcoholic beverages on the grounds of any private golf course in Charles County.

Background: The White Plains Golf Course is the only public golf course in Charles County. It is fully self-funded and receives no funds from the county. The White Plains Golf Course already has an alcoholic beverages license, although alcoholic beverages may be sold and consumed only in the clubhouse. Charles County advises that the White Plains Golf Course already has a food and beverage cart serving water, soda, and snacks from April through October. Charles County advises that the golf course would sell beer from the food and beverage cart.

Local Fiscal Effect: Charles County anticipates revenues of approximately \$300 per week from beer sales on the grounds of the White Plains Golf Course, exclusive of additional beverage costs. Charles County revenues could increase by \$1,200 in fiscal 2001 which accounts for the four weeks in fiscal 2001 after the bill's effective date. Charles County revenues could increase by \$9,000 in fiscal 2002 and each year thereafter assuming a full 30 weeks of beer sales.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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