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**FISCAL NOTE**  
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House Bill 145

(St. Mary's County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Wine Festival License**

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This bill authorizes the Alcoholic Beverages Board of St. Mary's County to issue a special wine festival (WF) license to a holder of an existing State retail alcoholic beverages license authorizing the sale of wine, a State Class 3 Winery license, or a State Class 4 Winery license. The special wine festival licensee is permitted to display and sell wine that is manufactured and processed in any state, price filed in accordance with the Comptroller's regulations, and distributed in Maryland at the time the application is filed. The special wine festival licensee may only display and sell wine at retail for consumption on or off the licensed premises on the days and for the hours designated for the wine festival. Wine that is produced in any state may be sold for off-premises consumption. The license fee is set at \$15. The Alcoholic Beverages Board of St. Mary's County must approve one weekend annually for the wine festival at a location in St. Mary's County that does not hold an alcoholic beverages license and ensure that the primary focus of the festival is the promotion of Maryland wine.

The bill is effective July 1, 2002.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** St. Mary's County revenues could increase by \$15 for each special wine festival license issued. Monitoring the license could be handled with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal.

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## Analysis

**Current Law:** Special wine festival (WF) licenses may be issued in Calvert, Carroll, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Somerset, and Washington counties and Baltimore City. A special beer and wine festival license may be issued in Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Charles, Dorchester, Queen Anne's, and Worcester counties. The terms and conditions of the festival license for St. Mary's County under the bill are identical to those for the existing wine festival and beer and wine festival licenses in other jurisdictions.

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### Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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