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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 846

(Senators Ferguson and Mooney)

Rules

Economic Matters

Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Inspector's Salary

This bill increases the salary of the alcoholic beverages inspector in Frederick County from \$32,000 to \$35,000.

The bill is effective July 1, 2002.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Frederick County expenditures would increase by \$3,600 in FY 2003 and each year thereafter.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The current salary of the Frederick County alcoholic beverages inspector is \$32,000. The alcoholic beverages inspector is also entitled to reimbursement of reasonable expenses and mileage at the standard rate set by the county commissioners.

Background: The Frederick County alcoholic beverages inspector position is a full-time job entitled to full benefits. The alcoholic beverages inspector is appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Frederick County delegation and the members of the General Assembly, serves a five-year term, and may be removed only for incompetence, misconduct, neglect of duty, or unprofessional conduct. The Frederick

County alcoholic beverages inspector has general police powers and is charged with enforcing the alcoholic beverages laws of Frederick County. The primary responsibilities of the Frederick County alcoholic beverages inspector are to enforce the State's prohibition on the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors and county ordinances relating to alcoholic beverages licenses.

Compensation for alcoholic beverages inspectors varies from county to county. Compensation for alcoholic beverage inspectors in Allegany, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Kent, St. Mary's, Wicomico, and Worcester counties are provided in each county's budget. The minimum salary of the chief inspectors of Baltimore County and Queen Anne's County are set in statute at \$9,500 and \$3,000 respectively. In Baltimore City, the inspector's salary is set in statute to be not less than \$1,200 but receive pay in accordance with the city's pay scale. In Anne Arundel County, the part-time chief inspector's salary is set in statute at \$8,000. In Howard County, a sworn officer of the county police department is charged with assisting the board of license commissioners with enforcing alcoholic beverages law.

Local Fiscal Effect: Frederick County expenditures will increase by \$3,600 in fiscal 2003 and each year thereafter for additional salary (\$3,000) and benefits (\$600). The fringe benefit rate is set at 20%.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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