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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 460

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Economic Matters

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**Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages Districts - Conformity to  
Legislative Districting Plan  
PG 309-03**

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This bill makes the Prince George's County alcoholic beverages districts coterminous with the legislative districts contained in the State of Maryland's legislative districting plan. The bill also includes a newly added legislative district to the area where the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners is prohibited from approving the issuance or transfer of a license unless the off-sale privileges of the license are permanently waived as long as the license remains within the boundaries of the district.

The bill is effective June 1, 2003.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Prince George's County finances would not be directly affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The current Prince George's County alcoholic beverages districts were set by the legislative redistricting plan enacted in 1992. The Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners is prohibited from approving the issuance or transfer of a license into the boundaries of the 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, or 27th district

unless any off-sale privileges of the license are permanently waived as long as the license remains within the boundaries of the district.

**Background:** Legislative districts are redrawn every ten years based on new U.S. Census data. The current legislative districting plan was set in 2002 as ordered by the Court of Appeals of Maryland. The 47th district is a newly created district in Prince George's County. Prince George's County advises that the inclusion of the 47th legislative district as an alcoholic beverages district does not fundamentally alter the area affected by the prohibition from approving the issuance or transfer of a license into the boundaries of the 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, or 27th district unless any off-sale privileges of the license are permanently waived as long as the license remains within the boundaries of the district.

Prince George's County advises that records and procedures would be updated to conform to the establishment of new alcoholic beverages districts, but that these activities would not result in additional expenditures.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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