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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 960
Economic Matters

(Carroll County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

Carroll County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Wine Tasting and Beer Tasting

This bill repeals the prohibition against beer tasting and wine tasting licensees in Carroll County from holding tasting events during the Maryland Wine Festival.

The bill is effective June 1, 2003.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Carroll County finances would not be affected by repealing the prohibition against beer and wine tasting during the Maryland Wine Festival.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: The Carroll County Board of License Commissioners may issue a beer tasting (BT) license to any holder of a beer and wine (BW) license or a beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license. The board may issue a wine tasting (WT) license to any holder of a beer and wine (BW) license or a beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license. The annual fee for a beer tasting license or a wine tasting license is \$100. The tasting licenses confer tasting privileges for the entire year except the weekend that the Maryland Wine Festival is held.

Background: Carroll County advises that the Maryland Wine Festival is held in Carroll County one weekend each year, typically during the month of September.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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