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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 407

(Allegany County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental  
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**Allegany County - Alcoholic Beverages - License Fees**

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This bill increases by \$50 the annual license fee for each alcoholic beverages license in Allegany County.

The bill is effective June 1, 2003.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Allegany County revenues would increase by \$9,100 annually assuming the number of licenses remains constant. Expenditures would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Bill Summary:** This bill increases by \$50 the annual license fee for each alcoholic beverage license in Allegany County. These licenses include: Class A beer; Class C beer; Class D beer; Class A beer and light wine; Class C beer and light wine; Class D beer and light wine; Class A beer, wine, and liquor; Class B beer, wine, and liquor; Class B-BT (buffet theater); Class C beer, wine, and liquor; and Class D beer, wine, and liquor.

**Current Law:** **Exhibit 1** shows the current and proposed fees for alcoholic beverages licenses in Allegany County.

**Background:** Except for the Class B beer, wine, and liquor license and the Class B-BT license, fees for alcoholic beverages licenses in Allegany County were set at their current rates by Chapter 262 of 1984. The Class B beer, wine, and liquor license was created by Chapter 524 of 1999 with a fee of \$750. The Class B-BT (buffet theater) license was converted from the Class B-DT (dinner theater) license by Chapter 218 of 1984 with the new license fee set at \$300.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** As shown in **Exhibit 1** below, Allegany County revenues would increase by approximately \$9,100 in fiscal 2004 and each year thereafter, based on the number of alcoholic beverages licenses held in the county in April 2002.

**Exhibit 1**  
**Alcoholic Beverage Licenses in Allegany County**  
**Subject to Proposed License Fee Increases**

<u>License Class</u>	<u>Sale Privilege</u>	<u>Current Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>	<u>Number of Licenses as of 4/02</u>	<u>Increase in Revenue</u>
A b	off	\$75	\$125	0	\$0
C b	on	\$100	\$150	0	\$0
D b	on	\$150	\$200	4	\$200
A b, w	off	\$100	\$150	16	\$800
C b, w	on	\$100	\$150	1	\$50
D b, w	on	\$160	\$210	54	\$2,700
A b, w, + l	off	\$600	\$650	2	\$100
B b, w, + l	on	\$750	\$800	3	\$150
B-BT b, w, + l	on	\$300	\$350	1	\$50
C b, w, + l	on	\$450	\$500	41	\$2,050
D b, w, + l	on	\$650	\$700	60	\$3,000
<b>Totals</b>				<b>182</b>	<b>\$9,100</b>

Note: b = beer, w = wine, l = liquor

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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