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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 582  
Economic Matters

(Prince George's County Delegation)

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**Prince George's County – Alcoholic Beverages Violations – Maximum Fine  
PG 301-04**

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This bill decreases, from \$12,500 to \$7,000, the maximum fine that may be imposed by the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners on licensees for any violation of alcoholic beverages law in Prince George's County.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

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

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners may impose a fine of up to \$12,500 in lieu of or in addition to suspension or revocation of a license for any violation that is cause for suspension or revocation under the alcoholic beverage laws affecting Prince George's County.

There is no uniformity among the local jurisdictions as to the types of penalties and the amounts of fines that a local licensing board may impose. Most local licensing boards may impose a maximum fine of between \$1,000 and \$2,500.

**Background:** The maximum fine allowable for any violation of alcoholic beverages laws in Prince George's County increased from \$5,000 to \$12,500 in 2003 (Chapter 157 of 2003).

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Prince George's County advises that the Board of License Commissioners has not imposed a fine exceeding \$7,000 since Chapter 157 took effect on October 1, 2003. Accordingly, the bill would not affect county finances.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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