# **Department of Legislative Services**

Maryland General Assembly 2004 Session

#### FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 642 (Garrett County Delegation)

Economic Matters Education, Health, and Environmental

**Affairs** 

### **Garrett County - Alcoholic Beverages - Underage Employees**

This bill clarifies that an alcoholic beverages licensee in Garrett County may employ an individual under the age of 18 years, as long as that individual does not handle alcoholic beverages, by repealing the prohibition in Garrett County against an alcoholic beverages licensee employing any person under the age of 18.

### **Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill would not affect Garrett County finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

# **Analysis**

**Current Law:** It is unlawful in Garrett County for any alcoholic beverages licensee to employ an individual under the age of 18 years. However, alcoholic beverages law related to the employment of minors by retail dealers states that an alcoholic beverages licensee in Garrett County may not employ a person under the age of 18 years to handle alcoholic beverages.

**Background:** Garrett County advises that the county intends the change in this policy to assist alcoholic beverages licensees to employ individuals under the age of 18 years as long as the individual does not work in the part of the business licensed for alcoholic beverages.

## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Garrett County, Department of Legislative Services

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