

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 792 (Charles County Delegation)  
Economic Matters Education, Health, and Environmental  
Affairs

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**Charles County - Alcoholic Beverages - License Fees**

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This bill increases by 20% the annual license fee for each alcoholic beverages license in Charles County.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2004.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Charles County revenues would increase by \$22,570 annually beginning FY 2005. Expenditures would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Bill Summary:** Exhibit 1 shows the proposed fees for the nine types of alcoholic beverages licenses in Charles County affected by the bill.

**Current Law:** Exhibit 1 shows the current fees for the nine types of alcoholic beverages licenses.

**Background:** Charles County advises that license renewals occur on May 1 of each year. Accordingly, the proposed license fee increases take effect in fiscal 2005.

The county further advises that current alcoholic beverages license fees generated \$112,850 in fiscal 2003.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Charles County issued 163 alcoholic beverages licenses in fiscal 2003. As shown in Exhibit 1 below, assuming the number of alcoholic beverages licenses issued in the county in fiscal 2003 remains constant, Charles County revenues would increase by \$22,570 annually beginning in fiscal 2005. Expenditures would not be affected.

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

<u>License Class</u>	<u>Sale Privilege</u>	<u>Number of Licenses as of 4/03</u>	<u>Current License Fee</u>	<u>Proposed License Fee</u>	<u>Difference In Fee</u>	<u>Total Revenue Increase</u>
A b, w, l	Off	18	\$400	\$480	\$80	\$1,440
B b, w, l	On	36	300	360	60	2,160
BLX b, w, l	On	12	2,000	2,400	400	4,800
H b, w	On	3	200	240	40	120
C b, w, l	On	11	250	300	50	550
D b	On and Off	3	150	180	30	90
D b, w	On and Off	4	200	240	40	160
D b, w, l	On and Off	59	950	1,140	190	11,210
D b, w, l	On and Off, b, w Off, l	<u>17</u>	600	720	120	<u>2,040</u>
<b>Totals</b>		<b>163</b>				<b>\$22,570</b>

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

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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

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