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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 336

(Harford County Delegation)

Economic Matters

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Affairs

**Harford County Liquor Control Board - Service of Summonses by Inspectors of
the Board**

This bill authorizes alcoholic beverages inspectors employed by the Harford County Liquor Control Board to serve board summonses for witnesses.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The bill codifies existing practice.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Summonses issued to witnesses for the purpose of hearings and inquiries before the boards of license commissioners are to be served by the sheriff. In Anne Arundel County summonses may also be served by inspectors employed by the Board of Liquor License Commissioners and the Anne Arundel County Police Department. In Baltimore City summonses may also be served by inspectors employed by the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City. Additionally, in the City of Annapolis summonses may also be served by the Annapolis Police Department.

Background: Harford County advises that the Harford County Sheriff's Office was not issuing the Liquor Control Board's summonses for witnesses in a timely manner.

Accordingly, the Liquor Control Board's ability to process cases was negatively affected. Harford County further advises that to alleviate the problem the board's chief inspector assumed responsibility for serving board summonses for witnesses.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 225 (Harford County Senators) – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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