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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 570

(Cecil County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental  
Affairs

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**Cecil County - Alcoholic Beverages Licensees - Administrative Proceedings**

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This bill adds Cecil County to the list of counties in which the county board of license commissioners is authorized to proceed administratively against an alcoholic beverages licensee for selling or furnishing alcoholic beverages to an individual who is under 21 years old, even if the licensee had been granted probation before judgment.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2005.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The change is procedural in nature and would not directly affect Cecil County finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** In six counties the board of license commissioners may take administrative action against an alcoholic beverages licensee for selling or furnishing alcoholic beverages to an individual under 21 years old, even if the licensee had been granted probation before judgment. Those counties are Dorchester, Garrett, Howard, Kent, Montgomery, and St. Mary's.

**Background:** In fiscal 2004, there were five reported retail license violations in Cecil County. Of these, two were reported violations of a retail alcoholic beverages licensee selling alcoholic beverages to a minor.

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### **Additional Information**

Prior Introductions: None.

**Cross File:** SB 512 (Cecil County Senators) – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

**Information Source(s):** Cecil County; *Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Annual Report – Fiscal 2004*, Comptroller’s Office; Department of Legislative Services

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