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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 450 (Cecil County Senators)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Cecil County - Dog and Kennel Licenses

This bill authorizes the Cecil County Board of County Commissioners to determine the fees, terms, and forms for dog and kennel licenses in Cecil County.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Authorizing the commissioners to determine the fees, terms, and forms for dog and kennel licenses would not directly affect Cecil County finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In every county but Carroll, Montgomery, Howard, and Washington, the owner of a dog over six months old must apply for a license. The fees for the dog license are as follows: \$1 for each male dog or spayed female dog; \$2 for each unspayed female dog; \$10 for a kennel license for owning or keeping up to 25 dogs; and \$20 for a kennel license for keeping more than 25 dogs. Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Charles, Frederick, Garrett, Kent, Montgomery, St. Mary's, and Worcester counties are authorized to set dog license fees. Howard and Wicomico counties are authorized to set the fees and terms for dog licenses. Carroll County is authorized to set the fees, terms, and forms of dog licenses.

Local Fiscal Effect: Cecil County advises that while this bill would give the Board of County Commissioners the authority to set the fees, terms, and forms for the issuance of

dog and kennel licenses, the county does not expect that the county commissioners will increase the fees at this time.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None designated, although HB 852 is identical.

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