

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2005 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 1267 (Delegate Love)  
Economic Matters

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**Anne Arundel County - Bottle Clubs - Restrictions**

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This bill clarifies that a bottle club owner or operator in Anne Arundel County is prohibited from engaging in all or any one of specified activities: evading the alcoholic beverage laws of the county or selling, giving, serving, dispensing, keeping, or allowing consumption of alcoholic beverages in the bottle club.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** An owner of a bottle club in Anne Arundel County is prohibited from evading the alcoholic beverage laws of the county and from selling, giving, serving, dispensing, keeping, or allowing consumption of alcoholic beverages in the bottle club. A violator faces a fine of up to \$10,000, imprisonment for up to two years, or both.

A bottle club is defined as an establishment that is subject to licensure and serves, gives, dispenses, keeps, or allows alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the premises that the patron purchased, reserved, or otherwise brought with them to the establishment.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 875 (Senator Astle) – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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

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