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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 464

(Delegate Cane, *et al.*)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental  
Affairs

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Wicomico County - Alcoholic Beverages - Food Sales Requirement for Class B  
Licenses

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This bill provides that in Wicomico County specified Class B licenses may be issued only to a licensee where the average daily receipts from the sale of food for each month exceed the average daily receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages. In calculating the average daily receipts from food, an allocation of foodstuff contained in a mixed drink may not be included in receipts from the sale of food. The food sales requirement applies to Class B licenses for hotels and restaurants, stadiums, and golf courses.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. Expanding the licensing requirements for the Class B licenses specified in the bill is not expected to impact the number of those licenses issued.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** In order for a restaurant or hotel to qualify for a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license in Wicomico County, the average daily receipts from the sale of food for each month must exceed the average daily receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages. Various other counties have provisions for hotel and restaurant food sale minimums for license qualification. For example, Allegany and Kent counties require 60% of gross

revenue be from food sales, Baltimore City requires 51% in certain license areas, and Harford County requires food sales to exceed alcohol sales.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 612 (Senator Colburn) – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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