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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1575  
Economic Matters

(Delegate Zirkin)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Baltimore County - Alcoholic Beverages - Sunday Sales - Rosh Hashanah and  
Yom Kippur**

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This bill allows the holder of any class of retail off-sale alcoholic beverages license in Baltimore County to exercise the off-sale license privilege between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. on the Sunday preceding Rosh Hashanah and the Sunday preceding Yom Kippur.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2006.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. The bill would not directly affect Baltimore County finances.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Unless otherwise specified, a retail off-sale license holder generally may exercise the off-sale license privilege from 6 a.m. to midnight on every day except Sunday. A holder of any class of retail off-sale alcoholic beverages license in Baltimore County may exercise the off-sale license privilege between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. on the Sunday preceding Christmas Day and on the Sunday preceding New Year's Day.

In Baltimore County, a Class B and a Class C beer and light wine or beer, wine, and liquor licensee may sell alcoholic beverages at a bar or counter on any Sunday. In addition, a Class A beer and light wine or beer, wine, and liquor license holder may exercise the holder's off-sale license privilege on the two Sundays preceding Passover, if the privilege is not exercised on the two Saturdays preceding Passover, the privilege is exercised between 6 a.m. and 12 midnight, and sales are limited to alcoholic beverages that are "kosher for Passover."

**Background:** In 2006, Rosh Hashanah begins the night of Friday, September 22 and Yom Kippur begins the night of Sunday, October 1.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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