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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 381
Economic Matters

(Charles County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

Charles County - Alcoholic Beverages - Sales to Underage Persons

This bill increases the maximum fine from \$50 to \$150 for an employee of an alcoholic beverages license holder in Charles County who sells alcohol to a person under the age of 21.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2007.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Minimal revenue increase in Charles County from higher fines (\$100 per offense). Expenditures would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None. This bill does not affect fines to businesses.

Analysis

Current Law: In Charles County, if an employee of an alcoholic beverages licensee sells alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years of age, the Charles County Board of License Commissioners may fine that individual up to \$50.

Also, the board may impose an additional fine on the license holder. For a first offense the board may suspend a license for up to three days, impose a fine of \$500, or both. The board of license commissioners may impose additional penalties for subsequent offenses with the maximum fine of \$1,000 per offense.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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