

**Department of Legislative Services**  
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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 651

(Cecil County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental  
Affairs

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**Cecil County - Alcoholic Beverages - Board of License Commissioners -  
Summonses and Subpoenas**

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This bill allows summonses issued by the Cecil County Board of License Commissioners to be served by inspectors employed by the board. The bill also allows the board to subpoena any records or papers pertaining to a licensed business or establishment. If a witness refuses to produce papers or records, the circuit court of the county must proceed by attachment against the witness upon the refusal being reported to the court.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2007.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

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

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Under State liquor laws, summonses generally must be served by the sheriff. However, inspectors employed by the alcoholic beverage licensing authorities in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, and Harford County are authorized to serve summonses. The alcoholic beverage licensing authorities in Anne Arundel, Baltimore,

Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Howard, Prince George's, Wicomico, and Worcester counties and Baltimore City may subpoena papers or records of a licensed business or establishment.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 683 (Cecil County Senators) – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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