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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Bill 96

(Senators Mooney and Brinkley)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

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**Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Special Licenses**

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This bill authorizes the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners to issue a one-day special Class C beer and light wine license and a one-day special Class C beer, wine, and liquor license to Holy Family Catholic Community. All net proceeds from the sale of alcoholic beverages must be used to fund building construction or for charitable purposes.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2007.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Potential minimal increase in Frederick County license revenues. Expenditures would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Frederick County Board of License Commissioners is authorized to issue a Class A, B, or C beer license within the municipal boundaries of Middletown, in which Holy Family Catholic Community is located. A Class B beer, wine, and liquor license is available only to establishments in this district that derive at least 70% of gross monthly revenue from the sale of food.

**Background:** In general, a special or temporary alcoholic beverages license may not be issued if the issuance of a regular alcoholic beverages license of the same class is not authorized by statute. Class C beer and light wine licenses and Class C beer, wine, and liquor licenses are not authorized for establishments in the Middletown district in which Holy Family Catholic Community is located. Currently, the church can obtain one-day licenses for beer only.

A special Class C beer and light wine license or a special Class C beer, wine, and liquor license would allow the holder to exercise any of the privileges conferred by the respective license class for a period not to exceed seven consecutive days. The license fee for a special Class C beer and light wine license is \$10 per day; the license fee for a special Class C beer, wine, and liquor license is \$30 per day.

The General Assembly approved legislation in 2006, Chapter 189, that authorizes the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners to issue a one-day beer, wine, and liquor license to the St. Katherine Drexel Roman Catholic Congregation. The congregation was located within a dry district in the county, and as such was unable to obtain a regular alcoholic beverages license absent the legislation. All net proceeds from the sale of alcoholic beverages at the congregation must be used to fund building construction or for charitable purposes.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** For each special Class C license issued, license fee revenues would increase by \$10 or \$30 per day. Frederick County advises that monitoring of the additional special licenses can be handled with existing resources.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 195 (Frederick County Delegation) – Economic Matters.

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