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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1271
Economic Matters

(St. Mary's County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Maximum Fine for Sales Violations

This bill increases the maximum penalty from \$500 to \$1,000 for violations of alcoholic beverages licensing laws in St. Mary's County.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2009.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: St. Mary's County fine revenues increase by \$9,000 annually beginning in FY 2010 if the maximum fine is imposed for all violations, assuming no change in the number of violations. Expenditures are not affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal increase in fines for noncompliant alcoholic beverage licensees.

Analysis

Current Law: The St. Mary's County Board of License Commissioners is authorized to impose penalties and revoke or suspend an alcoholic beverages license for any licensing violations. All fines imposed are payable to St. Mary's County.

Local Revenues: St. Mary's County advises that there were nine alcoholic beverages violations in the first six months of fiscal 2009. If the maximum fine is imposed and current trends continue, St. Mary's County may realize an additional \$9,000 in fine revenues beginning in fiscal 2010.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: HB0331 LR2134 2008 ECM

Cross File: None.

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