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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1511
Judiciary

(Frederick County Delegation)

Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages Inspectors - Firearms

This bill authorizes an alcoholic beverages inspector in Frederick County, who carries a firearm in the course of his/her duties, to issue alcoholic beverages citations for misrepresentation of age, underage possession, possession of a false identification card, obtaining alcoholic beverages for underage consumption, unregistered kegs, or furnishing for or allowing underage consumption.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2009.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The bill is technical in nature and does not materially affect governmental finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In general, law enforcement agencies issue the citations listed above. However, in Anne Arundel, Frederick, Harford, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties, an alcoholic beverages inspector who investigates alcoholic beverages license violations may issue these citations if the inspector: (1) completed a training program about proper use of arrest authority and pertinent police procedures; and (2) does not carry firearms in the course of the inspector's duties.

Background: Frederick County advises that its alcoholic beverages inspector has carried a firearm for two years and the county has liability insurance in place. The bill would allow the inspector to issue citations while carrying a firearm.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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