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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 954 (Prince George's County Delegation)  
Economic Matters

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Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Prohibition on Sale of Single  
Beers in Glass Bottles  
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This bill specifies that licensed beer retailers in Prince George's County may only sell single beers for consumption off premises in cans or plastic containers. Retailers are prohibited from selling single beers for consumption off premises in glass bottles. Violators are subject to license revocation and/or fine.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. The bill is not expected to materially affect Prince George's County finances. Enforcement activities can be handled with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential minimal. To the extent that beer retailers lose sales, there will be a minimal effect on revenues. However, it is likely that consumers will purchase beer in cans or other containers rather than in bottles.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** Licensed beer retailers are not prohibited from selling single beers for consumption off premises in glass bottles.

**Background:** As of April 30, 2008, there were 53 beer licenses, 93 beer and wine licenses, and 441 beer, wine, and liquor licenses issued in Prince George's County.

Approximately 13.4 million gallons of beer was delivered in Prince George's County in fiscal 2008.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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