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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 58 (Anne Arundel County Delegation)  
Economic Matters

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**Anne Arundel County and City of Annapolis - Alcoholic Beverages - Hours of Sale  
- Inauguration Day**

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This emergency bill allows an establishment in Anne Arundel County or the City of Annapolis that holds an alcoholic beverages license with an on-sale privilege to remain open on the night of January 20, 2009 for up to one hour past its normal closing time on payment of a \$200 fee.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Revenues for Anne Arundel County and the City of Annapolis would increase by \$200 for each licensee within the jurisdiction who elects to pay the fee.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal for small businesses that elect to pay the \$200 fee.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** In the City of Annapolis licensees with on-sale privileges have normal closing times of midnight or 2 a.m. on weekdays. In Anne Arundel County licensees may generally stay open until 2 a.m. on weekdays.

**Background:** The District of Columbia City Council recently approved emergency legislation allowing bars, nightclubs, and restaurants to serve alcohol until 5 a.m. and remain open for food service continuously from January 17 until the morning after Inauguration Day (January 20, 2009).

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Although the number of licensees who elect to pay the \$200 fee cannot be reliably estimated beforehand, the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners advises that it has received over 50 telephone calls from establishments inquiring whether their operating hours can be extended on Inauguration Day. There are 432 establishments in Anne Arundel County that are eligible for extended hours. It is estimated that at least 85 establishments in the City of Annapolis are eligible.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 107 (Senator Astle) – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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