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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 112
Economic Matters

(Delegate Eckardt, *et al.*)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Dorchester County - Alcoholic Beverages License Holders - Fines

This bill increases the maximum fine from \$2,500 to \$3,500 that the Dorchester County Board of License Commissioners may impose on a holder of an alcoholic beverages license instead of or in addition to suspending the license for a violation of county alcoholic beverages laws.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2010.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Dorchester County fine revenues increase by \$2,000 annually beginning in FY 2011 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.

Analysis

Current Law: The Dorchester County Board of License Commissioners may impose a maximum fine of \$2,500 on a holder of an alcoholic beverages license instead of or in addition to suspending the license for a violation of county alcoholic beverages laws that is a cause for suspension.

Local Fiscal Effect: Dorchester County imposed the maximum fine of \$2,500 on two occasions in fiscal 2009. If the maximum fine is imposed and current trends continue, Dorchester County may realize an additional \$2,000 in revenues beginning in fiscal 2011.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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