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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 926

(Carroll County Senators)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

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Carroll County - Alcoholic Beverages - Sale of Wine for Off-Premises  
Consumption

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This bill authorizes the holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license in Carroll County to sell wine for off-premises consumption if the area used for the preparation and consumption of food and beverages occupies at least 90% of the total square footage of the licensed premises. The holder of the license may not sell more than six bottles of wine to an individual at one time.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2010.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. There is no fee associated with the expansion of permissible activities for Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses, therefore Carroll County revenues are not affected. Any additional monitoring to ensure compliance with the bill's provisions can be handled with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** In Carroll County, a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license permits the sale of beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption and the sale of beer for off-premises consumption on any day of the week.

**Background:** According to the Comptroller's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Annual Report, there were 75 Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses in Carroll County in fiscal 2009.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 1114 (Carroll County Delegation) - Economic Matters.

**Information Source(s):** Carroll County, Comptroller's Office, Department of Legislative Services

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