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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
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Senate Bill 9

(Senator Glassman, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

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**Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Special Class C-3 Miscellaneous  
Organization or Club License**

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This emergency bill creates a special Class C-3 (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license in Harford County to be issued to miscellaneous organizations or clubs that hold a Class C-3 organization or club license. The special Class C-3 license authorizes the holder to sell or provide beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption by nonmembers of the organization or club who have leased an area of the licensed premises and attend the event. The annual license fee is based on the number of events each year and ranges from \$250 for 10 events to \$850 for 60 events per year. The liquor control board may not issue more than one license to an organization or club in any license year and the total number of days authorized for events held under a single license may not exceed 60 in any license year.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Harford County revenues from alcoholic beverage licenses increase by as much as \$4,250 annually beginning in FY 2011. The amount of the increase depends on the number of miscellaneous organizations or clubs that purchase a special Class C-3 license and the number of events they are purchased for. No effect on expenditures.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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## Analysis

**Bill Summary:** The Harford County Liquor Control Board may issue a special Class C-3 (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license to miscellaneous organizations or clubs that hold a Class C-3 organization or club license. The annual license fees are as follows:

<u>Number of Events (per year)</u>	<u>Annual License Fee</u>
up to 10	\$250
11 to 20	400
21 to 30	550
31 to 40	700
41 to 60	850

A license holder must notify the liquor control board of an event in writing on a prescribed form at least 7 days in advance of each event. The total number of days authorized for events held under a license may not exceed 60 in any license year. The bill does not preclude an organization or club from obtaining a single event special Class C license under other provisions of State law. The emergency bill takes effect in the alcoholic beverages license year beginning May 1, 2011, and in each license year thereafter.

**Current Law:** The Harford County Liquor Control Board may currently issue a Class C-3 (on-sale) organization or club beer, wine, and liquor license to a miscellaneous organization or club. A Class C-3 license allows the holder to sell or provide alcoholic beverages only for on-premises consumption by the members and guests of the organization or club. The annual fee for a six-day Monday through Saturday (on-sale) Class C-3 license is \$1,300 and the fee for a seven-day Class C-3 license is \$1,400. A “miscellaneous organization or club” includes, with certain limitations, a country club, a yacht or boat club, or a topiary garden located in Harford County.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** There currently five Class C-3 (on-sale) organization or club beer, wine, and liquor license holders that would be eligible to apply for a special Class C-3 license established under the bill. Harford County revenues from alcoholic beverages licenses may increase by as much as \$4,250 annually beginning in fiscal 2011 if all eligible licensees purchase a special Class-3 license for 60 events per year. Actual revenues will vary depending on the number of eligible licensees that purchase a special license and the number of events purchased per year.

## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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