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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Bill 949 (Senator Ramirez)  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Prince George's County - Single Bottles or Cans of Beer - Size Prohibition**

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This bill authorizes the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners to prohibit a Class A beer; a Class A beer and light wine; or a Class A beer, wine, and liquor licensee in Prince George's County from selling single bottles or cans of beer in bottles or cans that are at least 10 ounces but not more than 16 ounces in size.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2011.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. Enforcement will be handled with the existing budgeted resources of the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** A prohibition against selling single bottles of beer in bottles that are at least 10 ounces but not more than 16 ounces in size does not exist in statute.

**Background:** According to the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Annual Report for fiscal 2010, 142 Class A alcoholic beverage retail licenses have been issued in Prince George's County. These licenses include 4 Class A beer licenses; 7 Class A beer and light wine licenses; and 131 beer, wine, and liquor licenses.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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