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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

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Economic Matters

(Delegate Beitzel)  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Garrett County - Alcoholic Beverages - Nudity and Sexual Displays - License Revocation**

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This bill authorizes the Garrett County Board of License Commissioners to revoke the alcoholic beverages license of a licensee, after a hearing, if it is found the licensee has engaged in specified activities regarding nudity or sexual displays on the premises or location for which the license was issued.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2012.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Enforcement of the bill's provisions and conducting license revocation hearings should not materially affect Garrett County finances.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** In 18 counties (Allegany, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Kent, Prince George's, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Washington (with a limited exception), Wicomico, and Worcester) an alcoholic beverages licensee is subject to having its alcoholic beverages license revoked, after a hearing, if the licensee is found to permit nudity and sexual displays on its premises. Caroline County has additionally authorized its board of license commissioners to revoke the alcoholic beverages license of a licensee who has engaged in specified activities regarding nudity or sexual displays on the premises for which the license was issued.

**Background:** According to the Comptroller's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Annual Report for fiscal 2011, Garrett County revenues from alcoholic beverages licenses totaled \$116,000. The annual report also indicates that the county issued 80 retail licenses and imposed 10 violations for the year (including 3 license revocations or suspensions).

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 587 (Senator Edwards) – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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