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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Bill 33 (Senator Colburn)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

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**Dorchester County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Beer, Wine and Liquor  
Licenses - Clubs**

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This bill corrects obsolete references that require the Dorchester County Council (previously the Dorchester County Commissioners) to submit the alcoholic beverage licensing fee paid by an organization obtaining a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license to the mayor and city council of a municipality for any organization located within the municipal corporate limits. For any organization not located within the municipal corporate limits, the fee must be paid to the Dorchester County Finance Department (previously the Dorchester County Treasurer).

The bill takes effect July 1, 2012.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. The bill is technical in nature and will not affect Dorchester County finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Dorchester County is required to submit the alcoholic beverage licensing fee paid by an organization obtaining a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license to the mayor and city council if the organization is located within the municipality. Otherwise, the county must submit the licensing fee to the county treasurer.

**Background:** Since 2002, Dorchester County has operated under the charter home rule form of government. The county is governed by five county council members who appoint a county manager. In addition, the position of county treasurer no longer exists within the county. The county finance department handles the duties previously held by the county treasurer.

There are currently 10 Class C beer, wine, and liquor licenses issued in Dorchester County, of which 6 are for organizations located within a municipality. The annual license fee is set at \$1,000.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 51 (Delegate Eckardt et al.) – Economic Matters.

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