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Senate Bill 255 (Senator Edwards)

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**Garrett County - Alcoholic Beverages - Criminal History Records Checks**

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This bill requires the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (the Central Repository) to provide the Garrett County Board of License Commissioners with a revised printed criminal record statement of an alcoholic beverages license holder if information is reported to the Central Repository after the initial criminal history records check is completed. Additionally, the Central Repository is required to stop providing the board with revised statements if the board informs the Central Repository that an individual is no longer an alcoholic beverages license holder.

In addition, the bill details standard procedures for the board to obtain State and national criminal history records checks from the Central Repository, including fingerprinting, application processes and fees, and the storage, dissemination, and disposal of reports provided by the Central Repository.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2012.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. The Central Repository provides this information to authorized entities as a part of its regular operations.

**Local Effect:** None. The bill will not affect Garrett County finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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## Analysis

**Current Law:** The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners may obtain criminal records of any alcoholic beverages license applicant from the Central Repository and from other law enforcement agencies. The board may require an applicant to be fingerprinted and forward these fingerprints to the Central Repository for transmittal to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal records check, and the board may set a fee to cover the cost of obtaining fingerprints and State and national criminal records.

The criminal records obtained must be kept in a sealed envelope accessible to only board members and their clerks, and the records must be destroyed on completion of their necessary use.

**Background:** Garrett County Board of License Commissioners has 80 active alcoholic beverages licensees.

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### Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 142 (Delegate Beitzel) - Economic Matters.

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