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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Bill 856 (Senator Edwards)  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Garrett County - Alcoholic Beverages - Refillable Containers**

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This bill requires a refillable container to be branded with an identifying mark of the refillable container permit holder who sells the container, instead of branded with an identifying mark of the license holder.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2014.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. The change is technical in nature and does not directly affect Garrett County finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Chapter 387 of 2013 authorizes the Garrett County Board of License Commissioners to issue a refillable container permit to a draft beer license holder who also holds any class of alcoholic beverages license issued by the board, except a Class C license or Class A license. A refillable container permit entitles the holder to sell draft beer for consumption off the licensed premises in a refillable container with a capacity of not less than 32 ounces and not more than 128 ounces.

The refillable container used must:

- be sealable;
- be branded with an identifying mark of the license holder;
- bear a specified federal health warning statement;
- display instructions for cleaning the container; and
- bear a label stating that cleaning the container is the responsibility of the consumer and that the contents of the container are perishable and should be refrigerated immediately and consumed within 48 hours after purchase.

**Background:** There are two refillable container permit holders in Garrett County.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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