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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
Third Reader - Revised

House Bill 1480  
Economic Matters

(Delegate Parrott)  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Washington County - Alcoholic Beverages - Penalties

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This bill alters the penalties in Washington County for violation of the prohibition on selling or providing alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of 21. Specifically, the bill imposes a \$2,500 maximum fine on a license holder and authorizes the Washington County Board of License Commissioners to suspend or revoke the license. For an employee of a license holder, the maximum fine is set at \$200 for a first offense and \$500 for each subsequent offense. In addition, the bill makes a violation a misdemeanor.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2017.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Potential minimal increase in fines collected by the District Court in Washington County.

**Local Effect:** Washington County can implement the bill with existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** In Washington County, if a license holder or an employee of a license holder violates the prohibition against selling or providing alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of 21, the board may impose on the employee a fine of up to \$200.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** Although SB 837 (Washington County Senators - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) is designated as a cross file, the bills are not identical.

**Information Source(s):** Judiciary (Administrative Office of the Courts); Washington County; Department of Legislative Services.

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