

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly  
2019 Session

FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
Third Reader

Senate Bill 960

(Senator Jennings, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

---

Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Seasonal Closing

---

This bill increases, from six months to nine months, the maximum length of time the Harford County Board of License Commissioners may authorize the closing of seasonally operated licensed premises. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2019.**

---

Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill is not anticipated to materially affect Harford County finances or operations.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

---

Analysis

**Current Law:** The board may authorize the closing of a licensed premises for *not more than six months* if the board determines that the licensed premises is seasonally operated and the license holder submits a written request to the board at least 30 days before (1) the anticipated date of closing and (2) the anticipated date of reopening.

---

Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Harford County; Comptroller's Office; Department of Legislative Services

**Fiscal Note History:** First Reader - March 6, 2019  
mag/tso Third Reader - March 15, 2019

---

Analysis by: Thomas S. Elder

Direct Inquiries to:  
(410) 946-5510  
(301) 970-5510