

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2023 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

House Bill 560  
Economic Matters

(Carroll County Delegation)

Finance

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**Carroll County - Alcoholic Beverages - Multiple Event Entertainment Licenses**

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This bill repeals the 40-day limit for which specified multiple event entertainment licenses issued in Carroll County may be used in a calendar year. The annual fee for a license for 41 or more events per year is \$2,000. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2023.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not materially affect Carroll County finances or operations.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Bill Summary/Current law:** The Carroll County Board of License Commissioners may issue a Class C multiple event beer, wine, and liquor license. The license authorizes the license holder to exercise any privilege conferred by a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license at an entertainment event held by a county fire department or an arts center on West Main Street in Westminster. The annual fee for the license is:

- \$125, for not more than 10 events per year;
- \$250, for not more than 20 events per year;
- \$375, for not more than 30 events per year; and
- \$500, for not more than 40 events per year.

The bill adds a new license tier for 41 or more events per year with an annual fee of \$2,000.

Under current law, the total number of days for which a multiple event license may be used may not exceed 40 in a calendar year. The bill repeals this provision.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

**Designated Cross File:** SB 306 (Carroll County Senators) - Finance.

**Information Source(s):** Carroll County; Department of Legislative Services

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