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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 300

(Delegate Krebs)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Carroll County - Alcoholic Beverages - Special Beer Festival Licenses

This bill allows the Carroll County Board of License Commissioners to issue more than one special beer festival license. The Carroll County Board of License Commissioners must approve the weekend for each special beer festival. The weekend for each special beer festival must not fall on any other special beer festival for which the Carroll County Board of License Commissioners has already issued a special beer festival license.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2013.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Carroll County alcoholic beverages license fee revenues increase minimally beginning in FY 2014 from issuance of additional special beer festival licenses. Monitoring of licenses can be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal positive impact for small businesses that promote their products at the beer festivals.

Analysis

Current Law: The Carroll County Board of License Commissioners may issue a special beer festival license to a holder of a Class 5 manufacturer's (brewery) license, a Class 7 manufacturer's (micro-brewery) license, or a holder of a current retail alcoholic beverages license issued in Maryland. The festival is to be held on one weekend – chosen by the board of license commissioners – that does not coincide with the

Cumberland and Shenandoah Valley Wine Festival in Washington County, the Maryland Wine Festival in Carroll County, or the Anne Arundel Beer and Wine Festival. A special beer festival license entitles the holder to display and sell beer for consumption on or off the licensed premises during a special beer festival in Carroll County. The license fee is \$50 for a one-day or two-day festival.

Background: Beer and wine festivals are held annually throughout the State. They are seen as advertising and publicity events for businesses participating in the festival. Ten special beer festival licenses were issued to the participants of the 2012 Carroll County beer festival.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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