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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 511

(Calvert County Senators)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Calvert County - Alcoholic Beverages - Fines

This bill requires that an alcoholic beverage fine in Calvert County be paid to the Calvert County Treasurer. The maximum fine imposed by the Calvert County Board of License Commissioners is \$2,500, made payable to the Calvert County Treasurer, for a violation of alcoholic beverages laws in Calvert County.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2013.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Calvert County revenues increase minimally from increasing the maximum fine to \$2,500 for a violation of alcoholic beverages laws.

Small Business Effect: Minimal. Small businesses that violate alcoholic beverages laws in Calvert County may pay higher fines.

Analysis

Current Law: Any person violating alcoholic beverages laws, for which no penalty other than the suspension or revocation of a license or permit is provided and is guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction, subject to a maximum fine of \$1,000 and/or two years imprisonment.

Background: The Calvert County Board of License Commissioners issued 10 violations in 2012 and received \$1,750 from fines, which were payable to the Calvert County

Treasurer. Historically, the Calvert County Board of License Commissioners has not issued fines over \$500.

Local Revenues: Calvert County revenues increase based on the number and severity of alcoholic beverages fines assessed. Calvert County expects fines to increase by \$7,500 in fiscal 2014 and by \$10,000 in fiscal 2018.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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