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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
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House Bill 1058  
Economic Matters

(Harford County Delegation)

Finance

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**Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class B-HTF (Hatchet Throwing Facility) License**

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This bill establishes a Class B-HTF (hatchet throwing facility) beer and wine license in Harford County and authorizes the Harford County Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to a hatchet throwing facility, as specified. The annual license fee is \$750. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2023.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Harford County revenues increase by \$1,500 beginning in FY 2024 due to the issuance of two new Class B-HTF licenses under the bill. Harford County can handle additional enforcement activity with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal overall, but potential meaningful for a hatchet throwing facility able to sell alcoholic beverages under the bill.

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**Analysis**

**Bill Summary:** The board may issue a Class B-HTF to a hatchet throwing facility that is (1) open to the public and (2) has at least seven hatchet throwing pits. The license authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer and wine for on-premises consumption.

Beer and wine may be served Monday through Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. the following day. The license may not be transferred to another location, and the holder is subject to the alcohol awareness training requirements under § 4-505 of the Alcoholic Beverage Article.

The license holder must purchase beer and wine from an authorized and licensed wholesaler. The license holder must also provide prepackaged snacks for purchase at all times when beer and wine are sold.

**Current Law:** In Harford County, the board is authorized to issue specified alcoholic beverages licenses, if certain conditions are met, for use by a range of different venues.

**Local Revenues:** Harford County advises that currently there are two hatchet throwing facilities that will apply for the license in the county. Accordingly, Harford County revenues increase by \$1,500 beginning in fiscal 2024 from license fee revenues.

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### **Additional Information**

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

**Designated Cross File:** SB 736 (Senator Gallion) - Finance.

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

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