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Economic Matters

(Delegates Mathias and Conway)

Education, Health, and Environmental  
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Worcester County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Fines for Late Renewals

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This bill authorizes the Worcester County Board of License Commissioners to receive late applications for alcoholic beverages license renewals during the month of April and to fine the licensee up to \$50 for each day the application is late.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2008.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Worcester County revenues from the penalty provision could increase by \$10,000 annually beginning in FY 2009. Expenditures would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** The holder of any expiring alcoholic beverages license, other than special licenses, are required to file a written application for renewal not less than 30 or more than 60 days before the first of May each year.

**Background:** Similar authority is granted to the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners.

**Local Revenues:** Worcester County revenues could increase by \$10,000 annually beginning in fiscal 2009 by allowing the county to impose a \$50 fine for each day that the license renewal application is late. Worcester County advises that, on average, there are 40 late renewal applications per year, and that these applications are an average of five days late.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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