



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT
Office of Audits and Investigations

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Robert J. Williams, Jr.
Council Administrator

William M. Hunt
Deputy Council Administrator

THRU: David H. Van Dyke *DHV*
County Auditor

FROM: Inez N. Claggett *INC*
Legislative Auditor

RE: Fiscal Impact Statement
CB-44-2015 Consumption and Possession of Alcoholic Beverages in Public

Pursuant to your request, we have reviewed CB-44-2015 to estimate its fiscal impact on Prince George's County, Maryland.

CB-44-2015 amends the Prince George's County Code to revise the penalty for the consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in public. The Bill proposes to add imprisonment, in addition to a fine not to exceed \$100, for individuals convicted of consumption and possession of alcoholic beverages in public. The imprisonment sentence shall not exceed ten (10) days.

Enactment of CB-44-2015 may have an adverse fiscal impact on the County related to the potential increase in the resources needed to provide temporary shelter, food and supplies for those sentenced to imprisonment. A reasonable estimate of the additional resources cannot be provided at this time, as the decision to sentence an individual to prison rests with the Court System and would be determined on a case by case basis.

If you require additional information, or have questions about this fiscal impact statement, please call me.

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