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House Bill 1110
Economic Matters

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Prince George's County - Board of License Commissioners - Authority to
Approve Transfers - Attorney Benefits
PG 324-05**

This bill specifies that the attorney for the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners is eligible for all county health benefits and membership in and retirement benefits of the State Employees' Pension System.

In addition, the bill authorizes the board to approve the transfer of one Class D beer and light wine license with an off-sale privilege from the 47th alcoholic beverages district to the 21st district for use by a supermarket or similar type of premises.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The addition of one county employee to the State Employees' Pension System would not materially impact State finances or operations.

Local Effect: Prince George's County expenditures would increase by \$4,966 (\$3,700 to provide a health benefit subsidy and \$1,266 to provide a pension subsidy) for the board's attorney. Transferring a Class D license from one establishment to another would not affect county finances. No effect on revenues.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Board of Alcoholic Beverages License Commissioners for Prince George's County consists of five members. The board's budget, including salaries, is paid by the county.

Members of the Board of Alcoholic Beverages License Commissioners are eligible for all county health benefits and membership in and retirement benefits of the State Employees' Pension System. The health benefits include: hospitalization, vision care, prescriptions, dental care, life insurance, and expense reimbursement. The administrator of the board is eligible to participate in the county's supplemental retirement plan. No provision is made regarding an attorney who works for the board.

An alcoholic beverages license with an off-sale privilege may not be transferred or issued to any business establishment such as chain stores, supermarkets, or discount houses. Establishments already holding such licenses may continue to hold them. Only 55 Class D beer and light wine licenses may be issued in Prince George's County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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