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House Bill 777

(Charles County Delegation)

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Charles County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class B-Stadium License

This bill authorizes the Charles County Board of License Commissioners to issue a 7-day Class B-Stadium (Baseball Stadium) on-sale beer and light wine license.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2005.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Charles County license fee revenues would increase by \$2,200 for each Class B-Stadium license issued, as well as a one-time application and posting fee of \$235.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: A Class B-Stadium license may only be issued to the owner of a professional team franchise or a private concessionaire that is under contract with either the county or a professional baseball team franchise. Beer and light wine may only be sold at the stadium to individuals attending baseball games or other events being held at the stadium, and only for on-premises consumption. The annual license fee is \$2,200.

Background: Other Maryland jurisdictions authorized to issue beer and light wine stadium licenses include Frederick, Wicomico, and Prince George's counties.

Local Fiscal Effect: Charles County is currently in the process of selecting a possible site upon which to build a stadium to attract a minor league baseball team to the county. The county expects to issue one license as a result of this bill, at an annual fee of \$2,200 as well as a one-time application and posting fee of \$235.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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