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House Bill 963

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Public Consumption and Open Containers - Penalties PG 326-09

This bill requires a person charged with a violation of the open container/public consumption of alcoholic beverages laws in Prince George's County to comply with the command in the charging document to appear in court by appearing in court in person.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill's requirements can be handled with existing budgeted resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In certain counties, a person is prohibited from consuming an alcoholic beverage or possessing an alcoholic beverage in an open container in certain geographic areas, usually public property, parking areas, shopping malls, *etc.* Some counties, including Prince George's, provide an exception if the person has obtained authorization to consume the beverage from the owner of the premises or the governmental entity with jurisdiction over the property. A violation is a misdemeanor, subject to a maximum fine of \$100.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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