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House Bill 571

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Waterfront
Entertainment Retail Complex
PG 316-10**

This bill creates a special Class D beer and wine (7-day) (on- and off-sale) license in Prince George's County to be issued for use within property zoned as a waterfront entertainment retail complex. The license allows beer and wine to be sold seven days per week from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. the next day, with no food requirements. The annual license fee is \$660.

The bill also authorizes the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners to grant an additional Class D beer and wine license allowing for on and off sale of beer and wine during the days and hours designated for an event, not to exceed seven consecutive days. Such an event must be held within the property of a conceptual site plan, at least part of which includes a zoned waterfront entertainment retail complex. This license does not prohibit a holder of the license from holding another alcoholic beverages license of a different class or nature. The fee for this license is \$100 per day. The bill authorizes the county to adopt regulations for implementation.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2010.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential minimal increase in Prince George's County revenues. Expenditures are not affected.

Small Business Effect: Potential significant impact on businesses established as a result of the new licenses and potential minimal impact on small businesses that hold events under the permit created by the bill.

Analysis

Current Law: A Class D (tavern) beer and wine on-sale license has an annual license fee of \$330. The bill does not set license fees for either of the two new licenses being created.

According to Prince George's County regulations, the holder of a Class D beer and wine license issued after October 1996 is authorized to operate seven days a week from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. the following day with no food requirements. The license is strictly on sale. A Class D beer and wine license issued prior to October 1996 is an on/off-sale license that authorizes the license holder to operate seven days a week from 6:00 a.m. until 12:00 midnight.

Background: National Harbor is a 300-acre development located along the Potomac River in Prince George's County. The complex includes hotels, a convention center, restaurants, shops, and condominiums.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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