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House Bill 703

(Harford County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Continuing Care Facility for Aged - Beer,
Wine and Liquor License**

This bill establishes a Class CCFA (continuing care facility for the aged) beer, wine, and liquor license in Harford County. The CCFA license may be issued to a not-for-profit continuing care for the aged facility that provides continuing care as defined by the Human Services Article; is licensed as a “related institution” under the Health-General Article; and is certified by the Maryland Department of Aging. The CCFA license authorizes the holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor on the premises, for consumption only on the licensed premises, and during the hours and days specified in current law for Harford County. The licensee is exempt from restrictions that prohibit sale of alcoholic beverages from a location within 300 feet of any church or other place of worship or within 1,000 feet of any public school building. The annual license fee is \$5,000.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2011.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Harford County license revenues increase by \$5,500 in the first year that a license is approved and by approximately \$5,000 annually thereafter.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Section 10-401 of the Human Services Article defines “continuing care in a retirement community” (CCRC) as providing shelter and either medical and nursing or other health-related services, or making the services readily accessible, whether or not the services are specifically offered in the written agreement for shelter:

- to an individual who is at least 60 years old and not related by blood or marriage to the provider;
- for the life of the individual or for a period exceeding 1 year; and
- under one or more written agreements that require a transfer of assets or an entrance fee notwithstanding periodic charges.

Under Section 19-301 of the Health-General Article, a “related institution” is an organized institution, environment, or home that:

- maintains conditions or facilities and equipment to provide domiciliary, personal, or nursing care for unrelated individuals who are dependent on the administrator, operator, or proprietor for nursing care or the subsistence of daily living in a safe, sanitary, and healthful environment; and
- admits or retains the individuals for overnight care.

Background: The Maryland Department of Aging indicates that there are currently no certified CCRC facilities in Harford County and that plans for such a facility in Aberdeen have yet to be approved. The Maryland Department of Aging must ensure that there is an adequate market for a CCRC before granting approval.

Local Fiscal Effect: At such time that there is a qualifying CCRC in Harford County, revenues increase in the first year by \$5,500, which accounts for the \$5,000 license fee and a \$500 one-time initial application fee. Revenues increase by \$5,045 each year, due to the license fee plus a \$45 renewal fee.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 926 (Senator Glassman, *et al.*) – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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