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Senate Bill 736

(Cecil County Senators)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Cecil County - Alcoholic Beverages - Licensed Establishments - Sunday Sales Hours

This bill extends the hours during which certain licensees in Cecil County may sell certain alcoholic beverages on Sunday. Class A, Class B, Class BLX, and Class C licensees are authorized to sell alcoholic beverages on Sunday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. the following day. Class D licensees may sell alcoholic beverages on Sunday from 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 a.m. the following day. Class EF and Class C licensees are exempt from paying the additional \$500 licensing fee to allow Sunday sales.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Cecil County revenues or operations are not materially affected.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful effect on establishments affected by the bill, to the extent that longer hours of operation generate increased revenues.

Analysis

Current Law: Generally, in Cecil County, alcoholic beverage licensees may sell alcoholic beverages Monday through Saturday between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. the following day. On Sunday, Class A; Class B; Class BLX beer, wine, and liquor; and Class C (on-sale)(clubs) beer, beer and light wine, or beer, wine and liquor licensees may sell alcoholic beverages between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.; Class D licensees may sell alcoholic beverages between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and

10:00 p.m. on Sunday. Class EF licensees may sell alcoholic beverages any day and time the entertainment facility is open for business.

Except for a Class BLX beer, wine, and liquor license, a licensee who seeks to sell alcoholic beverages on Sunday must pay an additional license fee of \$500. Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages for on-site consumption are only allowed by a licensee who is a restaurant or hotel restaurant or a Class BLX beer, wine, and liquor license.

Background: Cecil County has 126 active alcoholic beverage licensees. **Exhibit 1** provides a description of selected license categories.

Exhibit 1
Cecil County Alcoholic Beverages Licenses

<u>License Type</u>	<u>On/Off Sale</u>	<u>Description</u>
Class A	Off sale	Retail sales
Class B	On-sale	Hotels and restaurants
Class BLX	On-sale	Luxury-type restaurants
Class C	On-sale	Clubs
Class D	On-sale	Taverns, etc.
Class EF	On-sale	Entertainment facility

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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