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(Howard County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Howard County - Alcoholic Beverages - Continuing Care Retirement Community License
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This bill authorizes the Howard County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class C (continuing care retirement community) beer, wine, and liquor license to a continuing care retirement community that: (1) is composed of residents of a continuing care retirement community that has obtained a certificate of registration from the Maryland Department of Aging; (2) operates solely for the use of residents and guests of the community; and (3) is not directly or indirectly owned or operated as a public business. The annual license fee is set at \$250. The license authorizes the licensee to keep for sale and to sell at retail to any resident or guest of the community beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption only.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2013.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Howard County revenues increase by \$250 annually for each Class C license issued. Issuing and monitoring the licenses can be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Class C club licenses generally authorize various clubs, including veterans' clubs; fraternal organizations; interest groups; and athletic, social, or cultural organizations, to keep for sale and to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the licensed premises. In Howard County there are four Class C club licenses that the county board may issue: (1) a country club license; (2) a veterans' club license; (3) a conference center license; and (4) a police officers' local affiliate license.

A continuing care retirement community provides shelter and either medical and nursing or other health-related services, or makes the services readily accessible through the provider or an affiliate of the provider, 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 one year; and
- under one or more written agreements that require a transfer of assets or an entrance fee notwithstanding periodic charges.

Background: The Maryland Department of Aging advises that, under the bill, only one continuing care retirement community in Howard County would be eligible, which is Vantage House located in Columbia.

Local Revenues: Assuming one continuing care retirement community applies for and is granted a license, Howard County revenues would increase by \$250 in fiscal 2014.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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