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House Bill 1071
Economic Matters

(Prince George's County Delegation)

**Prince George's County - City of College Park - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses for
Supermarkets
PG 310-13**

This bill authorizes the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class D beer and light wine license with an off-sale privilege for use by a supermarket or similar type of premises in the City of College Park. A license applicant must present a copy of a valid lease in College Park for a term of at least five years and have already occupied that premises for at least one year. If there is governmental economic participation in the licensed premises, the license applicant must seek to obtain a certain memorandum of understanding with any labor organization representing the employees of the licensed premises. A licensee may not have an ownership interest in more than one Class D beer and light wine license with an off-sale privilege issued to a supermarket in College Park.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2013.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Assuming the issuance of one Class D beer and light wine license with an off-sale privilege for use by a supermarket in the City of College Park, license fee revenues in Prince George's County will increase by approximately \$1,100 in FY 2014, which includes application fees, and \$400 annually thereafter.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful. The bill would likely result in additional sales by a supermarket with the Class D license in the City of College Park, including overall sales at the store. Alcoholic beverages sales at such a supermarket would also likely result in reduced sales at other locations in College Park.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill also increases, from 55 to 58, the maximum number of Class D beer and light wine licenses that may be issued in the county. The board may not issue a Class D beer and light wine license with an off-sale privilege to a business primarily engaged in general merchandise sales that also sells groceries or a business that allows the purchase of alcohol at any customer-operated machine or stand located on the business premises.

Current Law: In Prince George's County, an alcoholic beverage license with an off-sale privilege of any class, except by way of renewal, may not be transferred or issued to any business establishment of the type commonly known as chain stores, supermarkets, discount houses or their franchisors and franchisees or concessionaires. However, those establishments holding an alcoholic beverage license at the time of enactment of this restriction may continue to hold such license and may, at the discretion of the Board of License Commissioners, change the classification of their license.

The board may approve the transfer from the 47th alcoholic beverages district to the 21st alcoholic beverages district of one Class D beer and light wine license with an off-sale privilege for use by a supermarket or similar type of premises.

Local Fiscal Effect: Prince George's County advises that the bill would likely result in the issuance of one Class D beer and light wine license with an off-sale privilege for use by a supermarket or similar type of premises in College Park. Annual license fees, including an application fee, will total \$1,065 in fiscal 2014 and \$365 annually thereafter.

Additional Information

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