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House Bill 172
Economic Matters

(Charles County Delegation)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Charles County - Alcoholic Beverages Licensees - Nonalcoholic Items - Hours of Sale

This bill authorizes an alcoholic beverage licensee in Charles County to sell nonalcoholic items Monday through Saturday between 5 a.m. and 2 a.m. the following day and Sunday between 6 a.m. and midnight.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2013.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Charles County can monitor licenses with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: An alcoholic beverage licensee in Charles County may sell alcoholic beverages Monday through Saturday between 6 a.m. and 2 a.m. the following day and Sunday between 6 a.m. and midnight. Part of any premises where alcoholic beverages are sold or displayed may only be open during the hours of sale for alcoholic beverages.

Background: There are 181 alcoholic beverage retail licenses in Charles County.

Small Business Effect: Small businesses that hold an alcoholic beverage license in Charles County may increase revenue from being allowed to sell nonalcoholic items an

hour earlier Monday through Saturday. However, this increase in revenue may be offset by the loss of revenue from no longer being allowed to sell nonalcoholic items after the hours allowed for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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