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House Bill 1387  
Economic Matters

(Frederick County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Banquet Facility License

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This bill alters the Class B-B.F. (banquet facility) beer, light wine, and liquor on-sale license in Frederick County.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2013.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Potential minimal increase in Frederick County license fee revenues. License fees increase by \$1,500 for each new Class B-B.F. license issued beginning in FY 2014. The bill's requirements can be handled with existing budgeted resources.

**Small Business Effect:** Overall minimal, but potential meaningful for a small business that obtains a Class B-B.F. license.

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Analysis

**Bill Summary:** This bill alters the existing Class B-B.F. beer, light wine, and liquor on-sale license in Frederick County by providing that the banquet facility must contain a dining room with adequate facilities for preparing and serving full-course meals for at least 100 people who are inside the facility or outside on the premises at one seating. The bill eliminates the requirement that the banquet facility be eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places and lowers the capital investment required to that of \$250,000, excluding the cost of the land, buildings, and leases. The bill no longer specifies that wine under the license is light wine. A Class B-B.F. license may sell beer, wine, or liquor for off-premises consumption if the beer, wine, or liquor is in a collectible

bottle commemorating a special anniversary or event and sold not more than 30 calendar days before the special anniversary or event.

**Current Law:** The Frederick County Board of License Commissioners may issue a Class B-B.F. beer, light wine, and liquor on-sale license for a banquet facility that:

- accommodates the public for banquets, parties, meetings, and similar functions;
- contains a dining room with adequate facilities for preparing and serving full-course meals for at least 100 persons at one seating;
- is eligible for inclusion on the National Register of Historic Places; and
- has a capital investment of not less than \$500,000, excluding the cost of the land, buildings, and leases.

The Class B-B.F. beer, light wine, and liquor license allows the holder to keep for sale, and sell at retail, beer, light wine, and liquor by the drink or by the bottle for on-premises consumption only, provided that:

- beer, light wine, and liquor are only sold during the function;
- the licensee may not sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption;
- the licensee may not permit alcoholic beverages to be carried off the premises; and
- food is furnished at the function where the alcoholic beverages are provided.

The annual license fee for a Class B-B.F. license is \$1,500.

**Background:** There is one Class B-B.F. license in Frederick County.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 957 (Senators Brinkley and Young) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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