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House Bill 1078
Economic Matters

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Sunday Off-Sale Permit
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This bill establishes a special Sunday off-sale permit in Prince George's County and authorizes the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners to issue the permit to the holder of any Class A license or a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license with an off-sale privilege. The new permit authorizes the licensed sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption off the premises only from 8 a.m. on Sunday to midnight the following day. The annual permit fee is \$450, which is in addition to the annual fee for the licensees existing license. The board is authorized to adopt implementing regulations.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County revenues increase by \$104,400 annually, beginning in FY 2014. Enforcement activities can be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: In Prince George's County, a holder of a Class A retail "off-sale" alcoholic beverages license or a Class B or Class D alcoholic beverages license with off-sale privileges, or any agent, servant, or employee of the holder, may not sell any alcoholic beverages for consumption off the licensed premises between the hours of 12 a.m. and 6 a.m.

A holder of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license or any agent, servant, or employee of a holder of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license may not make any sale on Sunday after 12 a.m. except when December 24 and 31 fall on a Sunday.

A Class B beer, wine, and liquor licensee may not sell any alcoholic beverages for consumption off the licensed premises between the hours of 12 a.m. and 6 a.m. or on Sunday after 12 a.m. from any separate store established on the licensed premises as an “off-sale store” or to keep an “off-sale store” open for business on Sunday after 12 a.m. except that beer and light wine only may be sold from an “off-sale” store which is attached to and a part of the licensed premises on Sunday after 8 a.m. until 12 a.m. the day following. The board of license commissioners determines what constitutes an “off-sale store.”

According to the Comptroller, there were a total of 144 Class A licensees and 305 Class B beer, wine, and liquor licensees with off-sale privileges in the county in fiscal 2013.

Local Fiscal Effect: Prince George’s County estimates that 131 Class A licensees and 101 Class B licensees will seek a Sunday sales permit annually beginning in fiscal 2014. Some of these businesses may already be open for business on Sundays. Total new license fee revenue from Sunday permit fees will total \$104,400, annually. **Exhibit 1** shows the expected revenue increases from license fees in fiscal 2014.

Exhibit 1
Projected Annual License Fee Revenues
Sunday Off-sale Permits

<u>License Class</u>	<u>Licensees Participating</u>	<u>Sunday Off-sale License Fee</u>	<u>County Revenues</u>
A	131	\$450	\$58,950
B (beer, wine, and liquor) – with off-sale privilege	101	\$450	\$45,450
Total	232		\$104,400

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: HB 1096 of 2011 received a hearing in the House Economic Matters Committee, but was subsequently withdrawn.

Cross File: None.

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