Department of Legislative Services

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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1000 (Prince George's County Delegation)

Economic Matters Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Transfer of Beer, Wine or Liquor Licenses - Repeal of Prohibition PG 301-14

This bill eliminates a prohibition in Prince George's County against the transfer of any additional beer, wine, or liquor licenses that have an off-sale privilege into the boundaries of the twenty-first (that part located within the county), twenty-second, twenty-third, twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh (that part located within the county), or forty-seventh alcoholic beverages district. The bill also removes the prohibition on assertion of off-sale privilege by a license transferring into those districts.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2014.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Minimal. Prince George's County did not provide information to the Department of Legislative Services (DLS) in time for includsion in this fiscal and policy note. DLS assumes that the bill's changes do not significantly affect the operations or finances of Prince George's County.

Small Business Effect: Minimal overall, but potential meaningful for affected licensees.

Analysis

Current Law: The Board of License Commissioners may not issue any new beer, wine, or liquor licenses that have an off-sale privilege within, or transfer any additional beer,

wine, or liquor licenses that have an off-sale privilege into the boundaries of the twenty-first (that part located within the county), twenty-second, twenty-third, twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth, twenty-sixth, twenty-seventh (that part located within the county), or forty-seventh alcoholic beverages district, as specified.

Small Business Effect: DLS assumes that the ability to transfer an existing beer, wine, or liquor license with an off-sale privilege into a new location formerly prohibited could be meaningful for the licensee. DLS has no knowledge of how many such transfers are expected to occur.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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