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House Bill 167
Economic Matters

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

Dorchester County - Class B Beer and Light Wine Licenses - Sunday Sales

This bill authorizes Class B (off-sale) beer and light wine licensees to sell beer and light wine on Sunday from 10 a.m. to midnight. The bill also expands the hours for sale of beer and light wine under a Class B (on-sale) beer and light wine license on Sunday from 10 a.m. to midnight instead of between noon and midnight. If Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve is on a Sunday, beer and light wine may be sold both on and off premises from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2014.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

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

Small Business Effect: Overall minimal, but potential meaningful for establishments affected by the bill to the extent that longer hours of operation generate increased revenues.

Analysis

Current Law: Class B (on- and off-sale) beer and light wine licensees may sell beer and light wine on Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 1:45 a.m. the following day. Class B (on-sale) beer and light wine licensees may sell beer and light wine on Sunday from noon to midnight. If Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve is on a Sunday, beer and light wine may be sold on premises from noon to 2 a.m. the following day. Class B beer

and light wine licensees are prohibited from selling beer and light wine off premises on Sunday after 1 a.m.

Background: In fiscal 2013, the Dorchester County Board of License Commissioners issued 6 Class B beer and light wine licenses.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 60 (Senator Colburn) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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