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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Revised**

House Bill 851  
Economic Matters

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Alcoholic Beverages - Towne Centre at Laurel - Class A License**  
**PG 316-15**

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This bill increases, from 142 to 143, the maximum number of Class A beer, wine, and liquor licenses that may be issued by the Board of License Commissioners in Prince George's County. The bill also allows the board to convert one authorized Class B-DD (Development District) license to be a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license to an establishment within the Towne Centre at Laurel.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2015.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Prince George's County alcoholic beverages license fee revenues decrease by \$2,115 annually beginning in FY 2016. Expenditures are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal. However, it is assumed that a Prince George's County business converting to a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license from its current Class B-DD benefits from a decrease in annual license fees paid to the county.

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**Analysis**

**Bill Summary:** The bill also clarifies that, if the board converts one authorized Class B-DD (Development District) license to a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license under the bill, the board may not issue more than a total of five Class B-DD licenses to restaurants located within the Towne Centre at Laurel.

**Current Law:** A maximum of 142 Class A beer, wine, and liquor licenses may be issued in Prince George's County. The Board of License Commissioners may issue up to six Class B-DD licenses to restaurants located within the Towne Centre at Laurel.

The annual fee for a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license is \$910. The annual license fee for a Class B-DD license is \$3,025.

**Local Revenues:** Assuming that one Class B-DD license in Prince George's County is converted to a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license, annual alcoholic beverages license fee revenues in the county decrease by \$2,115.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 423 (Senator Rosapepe) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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