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Senate Bill 369 (Senator Rosapepe)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Prince George's County - City of College Park - Class D Beer and Wine License

This bill specifies that on or after July 1, 2015, one Class D (on-sale) beer and wine license issued for premises in the 7100 block of Baltimore Avenue in the City of College Park may be converted into a Class D (on- and off-sale) beer and wine license for premises that are located in the 7100 to 7200 block of Baltimore Avenue in the City of College Park.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2015.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Because Prince George's County does not currently have a separate Class D license that includes both on-sale and off-sale privileges, the license fee for the licensee making the conversion under the bill does not change.

Small Business Effect: Minimal overall; however, the bill has a positive economic impact, with a presumed increase in profitability, for one Class D alcoholic beverages licensee in the specified geographic location in the City of College Park; that licensee is allowed to expand sales opportunities to include off-sale privileges.

Analysis

Current Law: Generally, a Class D beer and light wine license must be issued by the license issuing authority of the county in which the place of business is located. The license authorizes its holder to keep for sale and to sell beer and light wines at retail, at the place

described in the license, for consumption on the premises or elsewhere. The license may not be issued for any drugstore.

In Prince George's County, the annual Class D (on-sale) beer and light wine license fee is set at \$365. There is a special Class D beer and wine license that may be issued for an establishment in a waterfront entertainment retail complex, as defined in the county zoning ordinance. The annual license fee for the special Class D license is \$660.

In the City of College Park, a license may be granted to sell alcoholic beverages in a building located more than 400 feet from a school building if the land on which the proposed licensed establishment is located in a commercial district.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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