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House Bill 1020  
Economic Matters

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Class B-WPL**  
**(Waterfront Pavilion) Beer, Wine, and Liquor License**  
**PG 314-16**

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This bill establishes a Class B waterfront pavilion license (WPL) in Prince George's County and authorizes the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to an establishment in a pavilion located at a waterfront entertainment retail complex as defined in local law. The license authorizes live entertainment throughout the licensed premises and the sale of beer, wine, and liquor at retail for consumption on premises from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day. License holders are not subject to any residency requirement and may not hold more than three licenses concurrently. The board may issue no more than three WPL licenses. The license fee is \$500 per month for a period of three to six months.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2016.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Prince George's County revenues increase by up to \$3,000 for each Class B WPL license that is issued for the maximum six-month period, beginning in FY 2017. County expenditures are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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## Analysis

### Current Law:

*Residency Requirements:* In Prince George's County, if an application is made for a sole proprietorship or partnership, an alcoholic beverages license must be applied for and issued to all partners as individuals, one of whom (1) must have resided in Prince George's County for at least one year prior to the application; (2) is a registered voter in the State; and (3) must continue to be a bona fide resident of the State as long as the license is in effect.

A license may not be issued, renewed, or transferred to an individual applying on behalf of a corporation, unincorporated association, or limited liability company, unless bona fide residents of the State own 25% of the total issued capital stock of the corporation or unincorporated association or 25% of the interests of the limited liability company, as applicable. If a close corporation has no officers or directors, in order to make the application, at least 25% of the stock must be held by State residents.

*Alcohol Sales at a Waterfront Entertainment Retail Complex:* The board may issue a special Class D beer and wine license for an establishment in a waterfront entertainment retail complex, as defined in the county zoning ordinance. A holder of the license may sell beer and wine for consumption on and off premises between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 a.m. the following day. The annual license fee is \$660.

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### Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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