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House Bill 1022
Economic Matters

(Prince George's County Delegation)

**Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class D (Waterfront) Beer,
Wine, and Liquor License**
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This bill establishes a Class D (Waterfront) beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license in Prince George's County for use by specified waterfront entertainment retail complexes. The license authorizes a holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption Monday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m. the following day. The license authorizes dancing and live entertainment throughout the licensed premises during hours of operation provided the license holder has obtained a specified entertainment permit. The bill also extends age restrictions under existing law to license holders. Individuals under the age of 18 may not enter the premises of a licensee between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless accompanied by a parent, guardian, or spouse of the individual. The board cannot issue more than five Class D (Waterfront) beer, wine, and liquor licenses. The annual license fee is \$5,000.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2016.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County revenues increase by \$28,500 in FY 2017 and by \$25,000 annually beginning in FY 2018 from application and renewal fees. Prince George's County can handle any enforcement activity with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: A Class D beer, wine, and liquor license may not be issued in Prince George's County.

Local Fiscal Effect: Prince George's County expects that all five of the licenses authorized by the bill will be utilized. Accordingly, anticipated licensing fee revenue under the bill will total \$28,500 in fiscal 2017 and \$25,000 annually thereafter. This estimate is based on a one-time \$700 application fee and an annual \$5,000 licensing fee.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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