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Senate Bill 1088
Rules

(Harford County Senators)

Alcoholic Beverages - Harford County - License and Permit Fees and Repealing
Obsolete Provisions

This bill makes numerous changes to the fees for specified beer, beer and wine (BW), and beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County. The bill repeals the authority of the Harford County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class A wine license. The bill also repeals the authority of the board to issue a wine festival license and modifies the wine permit for a fund-raising event, setting the fee at \$50.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2016.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Harford County revenues increase by approximately \$41,300 annually beginning in FY 2017 due to increases in alcoholic beverages licensing fees. County expenditures are not affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Bill Summary/Current Law: The bill modifies the annual license fees for selected Class A, Class B, and Class C licenses as shown in **Exhibit 1**.

Exhibit 1
Harford County Alcoholic Beverages License Fees

License Type	Current License Fee	Proposed License Fee
Class A BW 6-day	\$625	\$700
Class A BW 7-day	850	950
Class B-1 BW 6-day	350	400
Class B-1 BW 7-day	500	550
Class B-2 BW 6-day	500	550
Class B-2 BW 7-day	700	800
Class B Cafe BW	1,575	1,750
Class C-1 BW 6-day	150	200
Class C-1 BW 7-day	225	250
Class C-2 BW 6-day	350	400
Class C-2 BW 7-day	425	500
Class C-3 BW 6-day	450	500
Class C-3 BW 7-day	525	600
Class A-1 off-sale BWL 7-day	1,470	1,650
Class A-2 off-sale BWL 6-day	980	1,100
Class B BWL 6-day (hotel)	2,260	2,500
Class B BWL 6-day (restaurant)	1,720	1,900
Class B BWL 7-day (hotel)	2,685	3,000
Class B BWL 7-day (restaurant)	2,145	2,400
Class B-3 restaurant/hotel 6-day (hotel)	2,620	2,900
Class B-3 restaurant/hotel 6-day (restaurant)	2,050	2,300
Class B-3 restaurant/hotel 7-day (hotel)	3,045	3,350
Class B-3 restaurant/hotel 7-day (restaurant)	2,435	2,700
Class BFD (fine dining) BWL 6-day	2,500	2,700
Class BFD (fine dining) BWL 7-day	2,900	3,200
Class BNR (newly opened restaurant) BWL	3,000	3,300

Source: Department of Legislative Services

The bill modifies the annual license fees for selected war veterans' organization and fraternal organization licenses as shown in **Exhibit 2**.

Exhibit 2
War Veterans' and Fraternal Organization License Fees

License Type	Current License Fee	Proposed License Fee
6-day Class C-1 (war veterans' organization) BWL with 50 to 99 members	\$350	\$400
6-day Class C-1 (war veterans' organization) BWL with 100 to 250 members	600	700
6-day Class C-1 (war veterans' organization) BWL with 251 to 450 members	850	950
6-day Class C-1 (war veterans' organization) BWL for at least 451 members	1,000	1,100
7-day Class C-1 (war veterans' organization) BWL for 50 to 99 members	450	500
7-day Class C-1 (war veterans' organization) BWL for 100 to 250 members	700	800
7-day Class C-1 (war veterans' organization) BWL with 251 to 450 members	950	1,050
7-day Class C-1 (war veterans' organization) BWL with at least 451 members	1,100	1,250
6-day Class C-2 (fraternal organization) BWL with 100 to 250 members	800	900
6-day Class C-2 (fraternal organization) BWL with 251 to 450 members	1,050	1,200
6-day Class C-2 (fraternal organization) BWL with at least 451 members	1,200	1,350
7-day Class C-2 (fraternal organization) BWL with 100 to 250 members	900	1,000
7-day Class C-2 (fraternal organization) BWL with 251 to 450 members	1,150	1,300
7-day Class C-2 (fraternal organization) BWL with at least 451 members	1,300	1,450

Source: Department of Legislative Services

The bill modifies the annual license fees for specified specialty licenses as shown in **Exhibit 3**.

Exhibit 3
Specialty License Fees

License Type	Current License Fee	Proposed License Fee
6-day Class C-3 (country club, topiary garden, or yacht or boat club) BWL	\$1,300	\$1,450
7-day Class C-3 (country club, topiary garden, or yacht or boat club) BWL	1,400	1,550
Class D BWL on-sale 7-day	3,000	3,300
Class D BWL on- and off-sale 7-day	4,000	4,400
Class B-BB (bed and breakfast) BWL	1,000	1,100
Class CCFA (continuing care facility for the aged) BWL	5,000	5,500
Class GC (golf course) BWL	3,500	3,850
Class H-CC (corporate club/conference center) BWL	3,000	3,300
Class B (inn) BWL for 11 to 24 rooms or suites	2,500	2,750
Class B (inn) BWL for at least 25 rooms or suites	3,295	3,650
Stadium BWL	10,000	11,000
Class H caterer's BWL	1,500	1,650

Source: Department of Legislative Services

The bill modifies the annual license fees for specified temporary licenses as shown in **Exhibit 4**.

Exhibit 4
Temporary License Fees

License Type	Current License Fee	Proposed License Fee
Class C per diem beer	\$15	\$50
Class C per diem BW	15	50
Class C per diem BWL	30	50
Class C-3 multiple event (on-sale) BWL for up to 10 events per year	250	300
Class C-3 multiple event (on-sale) BWL for up to 20 events per year	400	450
Class C-3 multiple event (on-sale) BWL for up to 30 events per year	550	650
Class C-3 multiple event (on-sale) BWL for up to 40 events per year	700	800
Class C-3 multiple event (on-sale) BWL for up to 60 events per year	850	950
Fire department multiple event BW license up to 10 events per year	150	200
Fire department multiple event BW license up to 20 events per year	300	350
Fire department multiple event BW license up to 30 events per year	450	500
Fire department multiple event BW license up to 40 events per year	600	700

Source: Department of Legislative Services

Local Revenues: Harford County advises that there are currently 198 alcoholic beverages licenses issued for use in the county, with the county collecting \$367,640 in licensing fees. Based on the proposed increases in annual license fees included in the bill, Harford County revenues will increase by \$41,300 annually.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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