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House Bill 645

(Frederick County Delegation)

Ways and Means

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Frederick County - Gaming Events - Sunday Hours of Operation

This bill alters a gaming permit in Frederick County so that the permit authorizes a gaming event to be conducted on a Sunday during the hours that alcoholic beverages may be sold at the establishment where the gaming event is conducted.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Frederick County can implement and enforce the bill with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In Frederick County, an eligible organization must obtain a permit before conducting a gaming event including a bazaar, carnival, raffle, tip jar, punchboard, chance book, paddle wheel, wheel of fortune, and any other gaming device.

Eligible organizations include bona fide religious, fraternal, civic, war veterans', hospital, amateur athletic, patriotic, charitable, and educational organizations as well as volunteer fire, rescue, and ambulance companies and their auxiliary organizations in Frederick County.

Eligible organizations may hold in a year (1) four gaming events in which the major prize has a value greater than \$5,000 and (2) raffles in which the major prize is \$5,000 or less as

many times as allowed by the county commissioners. Except as specified for tip jars and punchboards, an individual may not benefit financially from a gaming event. A gaming permit is valid for one year after the date that it is issued, and the permit is not transferable. A gaming permit may not authorize a gaming event to be conducted on a Sunday before 1 p.m.

The Frederick County Commissioners may charge a fee for each permit and adopt regulations governing gaming event permit applications and the issuance of permits.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 518 (Senators Young and Hough) - Budget and Taxation.

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