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House Bill 1266 (Prince George's County Delegation)
Economic Matters

Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class BLX License - Movie
Theaters
PG 303-17

This bill authorizes the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class BLX beer, wine, and liquor movie theater license for use in a movie theater with average daily receipts from the sale of food that exceed the average daily receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages. The bill specifies that the hours of sale for a BLX movie theater license are different from those of a BLX *restaurant* license. The BLX movie theater license authorizes the sale of beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption only during the hours that movies are shown in the movie theater.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2017.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County revenues increase by \$4,600 in FY 2018 and by \$3,900 annually beginning in FY 2019 from application and renewal fees. Prince George's County can handle any enforcement activity with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: The board is authorized to issue a Class BLX license for use in a luxury restaurant that (1) has a minimum capital investment of \$1 million for a dining room facility

and kitchen equipment, not including the cost of land, building, or lease, and (2) seating for at least 100 individuals. The license authorizes the sale of beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day. A license holder may not sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m., unless it holds a specified entertainment license, or at a bar or counter on Sunday from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day, unless the Sunday is December 24 or December 31. Except under specified circumstances, a license holder may not hold more than 10 BLX licenses. The annual license fee is \$3,875.

Local Fiscal Effect: Prince George's County advises that the bill applies to one establishment. Accordingly, anticipated licensing fee revenue under the bill will total \$4,575 in fiscal 2018 and \$3,875 annually thereafter. This estimate is based on a one-time \$700 application fee and an annual \$3,875 licensing fee.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: Although SB 995 (Senator Rosapepe - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) is designated as a cross file, it is not identical.

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