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Senate Bill 1088

(Senator Astle)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor
Licenses

This bill alters the eligibility requirements to obtain a Class B beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license in Anne Arundel County. Specifically, the license may only be issued for use by a restaurant that (1) has ample space and accommodations to regularly prepare, sell, and serve hot meals at least twice per day; (2) is equipped with a public dining room with sufficient tables, chairs, cutlery, and glassware to serve the meals prepared by the restaurant; (3) is equipped with a kitchen that has complete facilities and utensils for preparing and serving hot and cold meals; and (4) employs a sufficient number of staff to accommodate customers.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2017.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Anne Arundel County advises that the bill's changes codify its current practices for issuing Class B BWL licenses and, therefore, the bill does not affect Anne Arundel County operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: In Anne Arundel County, a Class B BWL license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at a hotel or restaurant at the place described in the license for on- or off-premises consumption. The annual license fee is

\$1,080. In fiscal 2016, there were 279 Class B BWL licenses issued in Anne Arundel County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 1601 (Delegate Beidle) - Rules and Executive Nominations.

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