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Senate Bill 884 (Senator Middleton)  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Charles County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Class D License - Transfer

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This bill authorizes the Charles County Board of License Commissioners to revoke or deny the renewal of a Class D (on- and off-sale) license of an establishment if the establishment had on-premises sales greater than 50% of total sales for the two years preceding a transfer application, and the annual on-premises sales of the transferee do not total at least 80% of total sales *after* the transfer. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill is not anticipated to materially impact Charles County finances or operations.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful negative impact for a small business license holder that does not meet the bill's requirements and loses their Class D license.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** Statute does not require a transferee to meet a different on-premises sales percentage than the previous license holder.

**Background:** In fiscal 2017, 176 alcoholic beverages licenses were issued for use in Charles County.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 1258 (Delegate Patterson) - Economic Matters.

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