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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

House Bill 206

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Economic Matters

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**Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class BLX License - Movie  
Theaters  
PG 303-18**

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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 located within a specified area with average daily receipts from the sale of food, excluding candy and popcorn, that exceed the average daily receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages. The bill specifies that the hours of sale for a Class BLX movie theater license are different from those of a Class BLX luxury-type restaurant license and requires a \$2 million minimum renovation or remodeling investment. The Class BLX movie theater license authorizes the sale of beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption from noon to 12:30 a.m. the following day, and a license holder may only serve customers who have proof of admission to the theater. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Prince George's County revenues increase by \$9,150 in FY 2019 and by \$7,750 annually beginning in FY 2020 from application and renewal fees. Prince George's County can handle any enforcement activity with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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## Analysis

**Bill Summary:** The Class BLX beer, wine, and liquor movie theater license is authorized for a movie theater if it is located within an area bounded by (1) Breezewood Drive, Edmonston Road, Greenbelt Road, and Cherrywood Lane or (2) the Capital Beltway, Livingston Road, and Oxon Hill Road.

**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 Class BLX licenses. The annual license fee is \$3,875.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Prince George's County advises that the bill applies to two establishments. Accordingly, anticipated licensing fee revenues under the bill will total \$9,150 in fiscal 2019 and \$7,750 annually thereafter. This estimate is based on a one-time \$700 application fee and an annual \$3,875 licensing fee.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** SB 995 of 2017, as amended, passed the Senate, but received an unfavorable report from the House Economic Matters Committee. HB 1266, its cross file, which was not identical, also received an unfavorable report from the House Economic Matters Committee.

**Cross File:** Although SB 518 (Senator Rosapepe - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) is designated as a cross file, it is not identical.

**Information Source(s):** Prince George's County; Department of Legislative Services

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