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House Bill 899
Economic Matters

(Harford County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Harford County - Board of License Commissioners - Temporary License
Application

This bill prohibits the Harford County Board of License Commissioners from requiring an applicant for a Class C per diem beer license, a Class C per diem beer and wine license, or a Class C per diem beer, wine, and liquor license to submit to the board a (1) copy of a catering contract or menu for a licensed event, (2) a signature of the owner of the property where the licensed event is to be held, or (3) a notarized application. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

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

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In Maryland, any application for a local alcoholic beverages license in the State must include a statement executed and acknowledged by the owner of the location for which the license is sought that agrees to the issuance of the license and authorizes a warrantless inspection and search of the premises by specified entities. Additionally, an application for a per diem license must be on the form that the Comptroller requires, and be signed and sworn to by the applicant. Generally, a Class C per diem beer license, a Class C per diem beer and wine license, or a Class C per diem beer, wine, and liquor license

entitles the holder to exercise any of the privileges conferred by the respective class of license (1) for the use of a person holding an entertainment event that is conducted by a club; (2) at the place described in the license; and (3) for a period not exceeding seven consecutive days.

Background: In fiscal 2017, 202 alcoholic beverages licenses were issued for use in Harford County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 114 (Senator Norman) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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