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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

Senate Bill 297

(Carroll County Senators)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

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**Carroll County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class BC Beer, Wine, and Liquor License**

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This bill removes the requirement that holders of Class BC beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) licenses in Carroll County must provide food for consumption at catered events. The bill requires either the license holder or the sponsor of the catered event to provide food. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2019.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

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

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Generally, hotels and restaurants are holders of Class B alcoholic beverages licenses. Hotels and restaurants holding Class B BWL licenses may qualify for a Class BC BWL license if they surrender their current license to the Carroll County Board of License Commissioners. Holders of Class BC BWL licenses must provide food for consumption at catered events held off premises.

**Background:** In fiscal 2018, there were 77 Class B BWL licenses issued in Carroll County. As of February 2019, there were 26 Class BC BWL licenses issued in Carroll County.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 572 (Delegate Shoemaker) - Economic Matters.

**Information Source(s):** Carroll County; Comptroller's Office; Department of Legislative Services

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