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House Bill 690
Economic Matters

(Delegate Arentz, *et al.*)

Queen Anne's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Application on Behalf of
Partnership

This bill alters the requirement for Class A beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license applications on behalf of a partnership in Queen Anne's County. The bill specifies that an applicant on behalf of a partnership may not be issued a Class A BWL license unless the partnership designates a resident agent in the State. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect Queen Anne's County finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: In the State, an application for a local alcoholic beverages license for the use of a partnership generally must be made by and the license issued to all of the partners as individuals; and each of the partners must have lived in the county or city where the licensed business is located for at least two years before the application is filed. The application for a license must state the name and address of the partnership, in addition to the name and address of each applicant.

In Queen Anne's County, an application on behalf of a partnership may not be issued a Class A BWL license unless the owners of 75% of the interest in the partnership have been residents of the county for two years immediately before the application is filed.

Background: In fiscal 2019, there were 91 alcoholic beverages licenses issued in Queen Anne's County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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