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Senate Bill 360

(Senator Beidle, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class MT (Movie Theater) License

This bill creates a Class MT (Movie Theater) beer and wine license in Anne Arundel County. The Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners may issue the license to the owner of a movie theater that holds a crowd control training certification. The license authorizes the sale of beer and wine for on-premises consumption, as specified. The license holder is authorized to sell alcoholic beverages from 4 p.m. to midnight and is subject to specified alcohol awareness training requirements. The annual fee for the license is \$1,200. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Anne Arundel County license revenues increase by up to \$3,600 annually beginning in FY 2021, as discussed below. Anne Arundel County can monitor additional licenses with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal overall, but potentially meaningful for movie theaters obtaining a license under the bill.

Analysis

Bill Summary: Beer and wine must only be sold in single serve containers and from a counter separate from a counter serving food and nonalcoholic beverages. License holders are not required to obtain an additional license to provide alcoholic beverages on Sunday.

Current Law: Generally, an alcoholic beverages license holder in Anne Arundel County or an individual designated by the license holder who is employed in a supervisory capacity must be certified by an approved alcohol awareness program and be present on the licensed premises at all times when alcoholic beverages may be sold. A license holder who violates this requirement is subject to a \$100 fine for a first offense. For each subsequent offense, the license holder is subject to a fine of up to \$500, or a suspension or revocation of the license, or both.

Local Fiscal Effect: Anne Arundel County revenues increase by \$1,200 annually for each Class MT license issued under the bill. The board estimates issuing up to three Class MT licenses in the county. If, the board issues three Class MT licenses revenues increase \$3,600 annually beginning in fiscal 2021. Any increase in inspection and enforcement activity can be absorbed with existing resources.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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