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House Bill 971
Economic Matters

(Harford County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class GCR (Golf Course Restaurant)
Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

This bill creates a class GCR (Golf Course Restaurant) beer, wine, and liquor license in Harford County. The Harford County Board of License Commissioners may issue a Class GCR license to the owner or operator of a golf course that (1) is open to the public; (2) is operated for profit; (3) has a minimum of 18 holes; and (4) has a kitchen facility that has been approved by the appropriate local governmental unit. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Harford County revenues from license fees increase to the extent Class GCR beer, wine, and liquor licenses are issued under the bill.

Small Business Effect: Minimal overall, but potential meaningful for golf courses that obtain a Class GCR beer, wine, and liquor license.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The Class GCR license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for consumption on the land and in the buildings, including the clubhouse, used for golfing purposes and for non-golf-related events. A patron need not be seated to be served. The license is limited to on-premises sales only.

The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours and days as set out for a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license issued in Harford County.

The annual license fee is \$3,500.

Current Law: Chapter 728 of 1997 created a Class GC (golf course) beer, wine, and liquor license in Harford County. The license may be issued to a golf course that (1) is open to the public; (2) is operated for profit; and (3) has a minimum of 18 holes. The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours and days as set out for a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license issued in Harford County. The annual license fee is \$3,500.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: SB 376 (Harford County Senators) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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