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House Bill 1062  
Economic Matters

(Frederick County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Municipal Golf Course License

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This bill establishes a Class M-G beer, wine, and liquor license in Frederick County and authorizes the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners to issue the license for use at a municipal golf course operated by a municipal golf course manager or a golf course manager under a management agreement with the City of Frederick. The board may issue the license to a manager of a municipal golf course. The license authorizes the licensee to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption on the land and in the facilities used for golfing purposes on Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The annual license fee is \$600. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.**

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Frederick County revenues increase to the extent the board issues Class M-G licenses under the bill. Frederick County can handle any additional enforcement activity with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Bill Summary:** The Class M-G license holder may designate an agent to sell beer, wine, and liquor at the municipal golf course, and the agent must collect and remit the sales and use tax. On request of the City of Frederick, the board may transfer the Class M-G license to a different golf course manager. The board must adopt regulations to carry out the bill.

**Current Law:** In Frederick County, the board is authorized to issue a Class C (country and golf club) license to a country or golf club that maintains a regular or championship golf course with at least nine holes. The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail to members and their guests for on-premises consumption on Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day and on Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day, as specified. The annual license fee is \$1,500.

**Background:** In fiscal 2019, there were 336 alcoholic beverages licenses issued in Frederick County.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

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