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Senate Bill 52

(Senator Simonaire, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Off-Sale Licenses - Assessment
Districts

This bill clarifies that the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners may consider, when issuing Class A, Class B, or Class D off-sale alcoholic beverages licenses, whether an establishment is located in an *assessment district* in which the ratio of Class A, Class B, or Class D off-sale licenses per individual is more or less than one license per 4,000 individuals. An assessment district is a tax assessment district established by the county through local law. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect Anne Arundel County operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: Generally, off-sale licenses authorize the license holder to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption off the licensed premises. Generally in the State, Class A licenses authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages as packaged goods, Class B licenses authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages for restaurants, and Class D licenses authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages for taverns.

Under Anne Arundel County Code § 4-2-102, the county is divided into eight assessment districts.

In fiscal 2019, there were 553 alcoholic beverages licenses issued in Anne Arundel County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: HB 138 (Anne Arundel County Delegation) - Economic Matters.

Information Source(s): Anne Arundel County; Comptroller's Office; Department of Legislative Services

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