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Senate Bill 382

(Harford County Senators)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - License Holder Requirements

This bill repeals the requirement in Harford County that an applicant for an alcoholic beverages license must be a resident of the county for at least one year prior to filing the application and be a resident of the county for as long as the license is in effect. Instead, an applicant for an alcoholic beverages license in the county must (1) operate and serve as the manager or supervisor of the business conducted on the licensed premises; (2) be responsible for the operation of the license; and (3) be physically present on the licensed premises daily for a substantial amount of time. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect Harford County operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: An applicant for an alcoholic beverages license in Harford County must be a resident of the county for at least one year before filing the application. The license holder is required to remain a resident of the county for as long as the license is in effect. A license applicant is not required to be a registered voter.

Background: In fiscal 2019, there were 201 alcoholic beverages licenses issued in Harford County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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

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