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House Bill 927

(Delegate Szeliga, *et al.*)

Economic Matters

Baltimore County - Alcoholic Beverages - Gift Basket Permit

This bill establishes a gift basket permit in Baltimore County. The Baltimore County Board of License Commissioners is authorized to issue the permit to a person who holds another alcoholic beverages license or permit. The holder of the permit may sell and deliver gift baskets containing wine to consumers of a legal drinking age located in the State and must maintain records and submit reports as required by the board. The wine contained in the gift basket may not exceed 75% of the total value of the gift basket. The board must adopt regulations to implement the bill. The annual fee for a gift basket permit is \$300. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Baltimore County license revenues increase due to additional permit fees, as discussed below. Baltimore County can monitor permits and adopt the required regulations with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful. Small businesses holding alcoholic beverages licenses able to sell gift baskets may experience an increase in sales.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: In fiscal 2019, there were 793 alcoholic beverages licenses issued in Baltimore County.

Local Fiscal Effect/Revenues: Baltimore County revenues increase by \$300 annually for each gift basket permit issued under the bill. As the number of individuals that will seek to obtain a permit, as a result of the bill, is unknown, any corresponding revenue increase cannot be reliably estimated. *For illustrative purposes only*, if 100 individuals holding an alcoholic beverages license apply for a gift basket permit, Baltimore County revenues increase by \$30,000 annually. Any increase in inspections and enforcement activity can likely be absorbed with existing resources.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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