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Senate Bill 378

(Harford County Senators)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Barbershop and Beauty Salon License

This bill establishes a barbershop and beauty salon beer and wine license in Harford County. The Harford County Board of License Commissioners may issue the license to holders of specified barbershop and beauty salon permits. The license authorizes the license holder to provide up to one 12-ounce serving of beer or one 5-ounce serving of wine by the glass to a participating individual for on-premises consumption in a single day, as specified. The license may not be transferred to another location. The license holder may provide beer and wine for on-premises consumption during normal business hours but no later than 9 p.m. The license holder may purchase beer and wine from a wholesaler or from a retailer and is subject to specified record-keeping and alcohol awareness training requirements. The annual license fee is \$400. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Harford County revenues increase by a minimal amount from fees associated with the barbershop and beauty salon license. Expenditures are not affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal overall, but potentially meaningful for small businesses that receive a barbershop and beauty salon license.

Analysis

Current Law: In general, a beauty salon is any commercial establishment, excluding barbershops, where cosmetology is practiced. Cosmetology includes (1) providing hair services; (2) arching or dyeing eyebrows; (3) dyeing eyelashes; (4) providing esthetic

services; or (5) providing nail technician services. Cosmetology does not include merely shampooing hair or fitting, styling, and selling wigs or hairpieces, or services generally relating to hair braiding without the use of dyes and chemicals.

In general, a barbershop is any commercial establishment, excluding a beauty salon, in which an individual provides barbering services, such as (1) cutting, razor cutting, styling, relaxing, body waving, shampooing, or coloring the hair; (2) shaving or trimming the beard; (3) massaging the face; (4) designing, fitting, or cutting a hairpiece; or (5) performing any other similar procedure on the hair, beard, face, or hairpiece of the individual. Barbering does not include the mere sale of wigs or hairpieces, or specified services performed by an employee under the supervision of a master barber

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

Local Fiscal Effect: Harford County revenues increase by \$400 annually for each barbershop and beauty salon beer and wine license issued under the bill. As the number of individuals that will seek to obtain a license as a result of the bill is unknown, any corresponding increase in revenues cannot be reliably estimated. *For illustrative purposes only*, if 10 individuals apply for a barbershop and beauty salon beer and wine license, Harford County revenues increase by \$4,000 annually. Any increase in inspection and enforcement activity can likely be absorbed with existing resources.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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