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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

Senate Bill 379

(Harford County Senators)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

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**Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class C-3 License**

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This bill alters, in Harford County, specified membership qualifications for a social organization that may be issued a certain 6-day or 7-day Class C-3 beer, wine, and liquor license by the Harford County Board of License Commissioners. The membership requirement now pertains to active or retired first responders rather than policemen. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** A social organization that may be issued a 6-day or 7-day Class C-3 beer, wine, and liquor license in Harford County has certain membership requirements. Currently, the membership must consist of at least 51% of (1) active members of the armed forces of the United States; (2) veterans of the armed forces of the United States; (3) active or retired policemen; and (4) the spouses and children of the eligible members under these groups of people.

**Background:** In fiscal 2019, there were 201 alcoholic beverages licenses issued in Harford County, including 26 Class C beer, wine, and liquor licenses.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** HB 972 (Harford County Delegation) - Economic Matters.

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

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