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(Senator Carozza)

Somerset County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class C Veterans' Organization or Club License

This bill authorizes the holder of a Class C (veterans' organization or club) beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license in Somerset County to purchase alcoholic beverages from a retail dealer, as specified. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2024.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

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

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: The Somerset County Board of License Commissioners is authorized to issue a Class C (veterans' organization or club) BWL license for use by a local unit of a nationwide nonprofit veteran's organization or club that meets specified membership, chartership, and home or clubhouse ownership criteria. The annual license fee is \$316.

The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license for on-premises consumption only. The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor (1) on Monday through Saturday, from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. the following day and (2) on Sunday, from 12:30 p.m. to midnight if food is available for

purchase on the premises. However, the license holder may not sell beer, wine, or liquor at a bar or counter on Sunday.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: HB 443 (Delegate Otto) - Economic Matters.

Information Source(s): Somerset County; Department of Legislative Services

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