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House Bill 991 (Harford County Delegation)
Government, Labor, and Elections

Finance

Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class HC (Health Club) License - Hours of Sale

This bill extends the hours of sale for a holder of a 6-day or 7-day Class HC (health club) beer and wine license in Harford County to be 1 p.m. to 11 p.m., rather than 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect Harford County finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: The Harford County Board of License Commissioners may issue a 6-day or 7-day Class HC license to a person who (1) sells health club services, as specified; (2) has a health club facility that offers an indoor or outdoor swimming pool or pickleball courts; (3) has at least 150 members who pay dues; and (4) owns or leases real property in the county for use as a for-profit or nonprofit health club facility.

The 6-day Class HC license authorizes the license holder to sell beer and wine from Monday through Saturday in a bar area at a swimming pool or an indoor lounge or both.

The 7-day Class HC license authorizes the license holder to sell beer and wine from Monday through Sunday in a bar area at a swimming pool or an indoor lounge or both.

The license holder must purchase beer and wine from an authorized licensed wholesaler.

The annual fee for the 6-day Class HC license is \$1,300 and the annual fee for the 7-day Class HC license is \$1,400.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: SB 684 (Harford County Senators) - Finance.

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