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(Delegate Ghrist, *et al.*)

Finance

Caroline County - Alcoholic Beverages - Barbershop and Beauty Salon License

This bill establishes a barbershop and beauty salon beer and wine alcoholic beverages license in Caroline County. The bill authorizes the Caroline County Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to the holders of specified barbershop and beauty salon permits. A license holder may provide up to 12 ounces of beer or 5 ounces of wine by the glass for on-premises consumption only while performing activities generally related to barbershops and beauty salons. A license holder may provide beer and wine during normal business hours, and the license holder is prohibited from transferring the license to another location. An establishment for which the license is issued is subject to alcohol awareness training, as specified under current law. The annual license fee is \$100. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2024.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: Caroline County can monitor additional licenses with existing resources. Caroline County license revenues increase minimally due to the additional license fees under the bill.

Small Business Effect: Minimal overall, but potentially meaningful for barbershops and beauty salons that obtain a license under the bill.

Analysis

Current Law:

Barbershops and Beauty Salons – Generally

Under the Business Occupations and Professions Article, a “barbershop” means any commercial establishment, except a beauty salon, in which an individual practices

barbering or provides barber-stylist services. Further, the Business Occupations and Professions Article defines “practice barbering” to include (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.

The Business Occupation and Professions Article defines “beauty salon” to mean any commercial establishment, except a barbershop, in which an individual practices cosmetology. “Practice 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, and services generally relating to hair braiding without the use of dyes and chemicals, as specified.

Alcohol Awareness Training

Alcoholic beverages license holders are generally subject to alcohol awareness training requirements under State law. The program includes instruction on how alcohol affects an individual’s behavior and body; provides education on the dangers of drinking and driving and defines effective methods to (1) determine whether a customer is under the legal drinking age; (2) serve customers to minimize the chance of intoxication; and (3) stop service before a customer becomes intoxicated.

Local Fiscal Effect: Caroline County revenues increase by \$100 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 under the bill is unknown, any corresponding revenue increase cannot be reliably estimated at this time. Any increase in inspections and enforcement activity can likely be absorbed with existing resources.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: SB 531 (Caroline County Senators) - Finance.

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