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House Bill 588

(Frederick County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Finance

Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Municipal Golf Course License

This bill authorizes the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class M-G beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license to an official of the City of Frederick designated by the Mayor of the City of Frederick. The board may transfer the license to a different city official designated by the Mayor, as specified. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2024.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

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

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Frederick County Board of License Commissioners may issue the Class M-G BWL license for use at a municipal golf course operated by a municipal golf course manager or a golf course manager under a management agreement with the City of Frederick. The board may issue the license to a manager of a municipal golf course. The license authorizes the licensee to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption on the land and in the facilities used for golfing purposes on (1) Monday through Saturday from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. the following day and (2) Sunday from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. the following day or for a specific event the board has approved, subject to hours set by the board. The annual license fee is \$600.

The Class M-G license holder may designate an agent to sell beer, wine, and liquor at the municipal golf course, and the agent must collect and remit the sales and use tax. On request of the City of Frederick, the board may transfer the Class M-G license to a different golf course manager.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: SB 560 (Frederick County Senators) - Finance.

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

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