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House Bill 240 (Delegate Love)

Economic Matters

Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Proceedings Against Licensees

This bill allows the Board of License Commissioners of Anne Arundel County to initiate violation proceedings against a licensee if the licensee or an employee of a licensee is found not guilty of or given probation without a verdict for furnishing alcohol to someone under 21 or visibly under the influence of alcohol.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Any additional hearings required by the bill could be supported with the existing resources of the Board of License Commissioners. Any additional fine amounts that may be imposed are assumed to be minimal.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: If a licensee or an employee of the licensee is found not guilty of or placed on probation without a verdict for supplying alcohol to someone under 21 or visibly under the influence of alcohol, the Board of License Commissioners is barred from proceeding against the licensee for the alleged infraction.

Small Business Effect: If a small business licensee or the employee of a small business licensee is found in court to be not guilty of alcohol infractions, the licensee could still be subjected to a hearing by the Board of License Commissioners of Anne Arundel County. If the board determines that a penalty is necessary, the business could have its license

suspended or revoked despite the court's ruling.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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