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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 142 (Delegate Walkup, *et al.*)

Economic Matters

Kent County - Alcoholic Beverages - Caterer's License

This bill authorizes the Kent County Board of License Commissioners to issue a caterer's license to the holder of a Class B restaurant or hotel (on-sale) beer and light wine license.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Kent County would realize an additional \$100 per year in annual licensing fee revenue for each additional caterer's license issued. The county expects only one additional current license holder to apply for the license as a result of the legislation. There is no application fee for the license.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: A caterer's license may only be issued to the holder of a Class B restaurant or hotel (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license. A caterer's license allows its holder to serve alcoholic beverages at events held away from the licensed premises. Licensees must also provide food at catered events.

Small Business Effect: The bill would allow small restaurant businesses holding only beer and light wine licenses to expand operations to include catering outside the restaurant. Currently, only one small business in Kent County is expected to obtain a caterer's license under the bill's provisions, but future small businesses may also benefit. The minimal increase in competition may have a slight impact on small businesses currently holding a caterer's license in the Kent County area.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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