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House Bill 242 (Anne Arundel County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class C Licenses

This bill provides that, in Anne Arundel County, a special Class C license may not be issued for a premises where a license has previously been denied, suspended, or revoked unless the county's Board of License Commissioners approves. The bill also increases the fees for special Class C licenses. The daily fee for a beer license and a beer and wine license is increased from \$10 to \$25, and the daily fee for a beer, wine, and liquor license is increased from \$25 to \$50.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Based on the number of special Class C licenses issued in the past, Anne Arundel County revenues could increase by about \$24,000 annually. Any additional scrutiny of a premises' past licensing record could be absorbed within the existing resources of the Board of License Commissioners. Potential minimal decrease in the number of special Class C licenses issued.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: A special Class C license, depending on the type purchased, allows the licensee to serve beer; beer and wine; or beer, wine, and liquor for a period of up to seven days in conjunction with some form of entertainment sponsored by a club, society, or association. Special Class C licenses must be approved by the local boards of licence commissioners, but no additional denial authority is provided for premises that have previously been denied for licenses or had licenses suspended or revoked. In Anne Arundel

County, the fee for a special Class C beer license or beer and wine license is \$10 per day, and the fee for a beer, wine, and liquor license is \$25 per day.

Local Revenues: Anne Arundel County issues approximately 1,200 special daily Class C licenses per year, about 600 beer or beer and wine licenses and about 600 beer, wine, and liquor licenses. The daily fees for beer licenses and beer and wine licenses would be increased by \$15, raising revenues by \$9,000. The daily fees for beer, wine, and liquor licenses would be increased by \$25, raising revenues by \$15,000. Assuming the number of special Class C licenses remains about the same, Anne Arundel County revenues would increase by approximately \$24,000 annually.

Not allowing special Class C licenses to be issued for premises that have previously had licenses denied, suspended, or revoked could result in fewer licenses being issued, but any effect is expected to be minimal.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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