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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 262 (Delegate Walkup. *et al.*)

Economic Matters

Kent County - Alcoholic Beverages - Issuance of Licenses

This bill increases to one year the amount of time that the Board of License Commissioners of Kent County must wait before it can issue a license to a premises that has previously had a license application refused. If a subsequent application is refused, regardless of how much time has elapsed since the first refusal, the board must then wait two years from the subsequent refusal date before it may issue a license to the premises. The waiting periods do not apply to applications: (1) that are rejected because of a legal defect or an omission; (2) that are refused solely because the wrong person is named on the application; or (3) for license transfers.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Any additional tracking of application refusals by the Board of License Commissioners of Kent County could be supported with its existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: Following a six-month wait, the Board of License Commissioners of Kent County may issue a license to a premises that has been refused a license. If, within two years of the first refusal, an application to license the premises is again refused, no new applications for the premises can be considered for two years.

Small Business Effect: Small business owners attempting to obtain an alcoholic beverages license would be forced to wait longer to reapply if an initial application fails. A substantial

delay in acquiring a license could have a significant impact on a business' profits.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: This bill combined with HB 142, HB 261, and HB 664 are encompassed in SB 280 (Senator Baker) - Economic and Environmental Affairs.

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