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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1072 (Montgomery County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Montgomery County - Alcoholic Beverages - Additional Licenses for Retail Malls
MC 23-00

This bill permits a restaurant licensee in Montgomery County to obtain additional Class B (hotel-restaurant or hotel-motel) on-sale only licenses for restaurants located in enclosed retail malls with at least 700,000 square feet of floor area.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Montgomery County revenues would increase by \$3,200 for each additional Class B license issued due to the license and application fees. The Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners could monitor licensees with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: Class B licensees may, under specified circumstances, obtain up to four licenses for restaurants in Montgomery County.

Background: There are four retail malls in Montgomery County that meet the 700,000 square feet requirement of the bill: Wheaton Plaza, Lake Forest Mall, White Flint, and Montgomery Mall.

Local Revenues: Montgomery County revenues would increase by \$3,200 for each additional Class B license issued for use in a shopping mall, \$2,500 for the license fee and

\$700 for the initial application fee. In the out-years, each license would generate only the annual license fee of \$2,500. At this time, the number of licenses to be issued is unknown.

Small Business Effect: To the extent that small restaurant businesses wish to expand into malls or enter the market through malls, the bill would positively impact their opportunities. There could also be a positive impact on existing mall businesses if the bill results in additional foot traffic within the eligible shopping malls. Small restaurants currently operating in malls could possibly be hurt by the increased competition.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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