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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 664 (Delegates Walkup and W. Baker)

Economic Matters

Kent County - Alcoholic Beverages - Sunday Opening Time

This bill changes to 9 a.m. the time at which a Class B or Class C licensed premises in Kent County may begin serving alcoholic beverages on Sundays.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The change in times that licensed premises may begin serving alcoholic beverages would not materially affect Kent County finances. The bill is not expected to result in new licensees.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: Class B (on-sale) restaurant licensees may begin serving alcoholic beverages at 12 noon on Sundays. Class C (on-sale) club licensees may begin serving alcoholic beverages at 11 a.m.

Small Business Effect: Small restaurant businesses with Class B licenses wishing to serve alcoholic beverages in conjunction with a Sunday brunch or breakfast would benefit from the earlier serving hour. Restaurants not currently open on Sunday mornings may want to open earlier but would have to offset new revenues with increased expenses. Restaurants that are already open Sunday mornings could realize additional revenues with only a minimal increase in expenses. Class C clubs could also benefit from similar breakfast and brunch events.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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