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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1025 (Prince George's County Delegation)
Economic Matters

Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Gift Basket License
PG 310-00

This bill creates a Class GB (gift basket) off-sale beer, wine, and liquor license in Prince George's County that allows its holder to place bottles of alcoholic beverages in baskets of flowers, food, or other gifts. The alcoholic beverages placed in gift baskets must be purchased from retail alcoholic beverage distributors. The license, which has an annual licensing fee of \$300, can only be issued to a retail business owner whose principal place of business is in the City of Laurel. The number of Class GB licenses that the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners may issue is limited to 25.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: If the bill results in additional wine sales, the State would collect additional tax revenue. Any impact is expected to be minimal.

Local Effect: Prince George's County revenues would increase by \$1,000 for each Class GB license issued due to the license and application fees. The Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners could monitor licensees with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: There is no Class GB license in Prince George's or any other Maryland county.

Local Revenues: Prince George's County revenues would increase by \$1,000 for each Class GB license issued to businesses in the City of Laurel, \$300 for the license fee and \$700 for

the application fee. In the out-years, each license would generate only the annual license fee of \$300. It is expected that not more than three or four businesses will apply for the new licenses in the near future. If all 25 licenses are at some point issued, annual county revenues would increase by \$7,500.

Small Business Effect: Small businesses in the City of Laurel could obtain the new Class GB license and potentially profit from the production of gift baskets containing alcoholic beverages. To the extent that the bill increases the total number of alcoholic beverages sold in Prince George's County, retail alcoholic beverage distributors may also profit through sales to Class GB licensees.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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