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House Bill 967 (Delegate Love. *et al.*)

Economic Matters

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**Alcoholic Beverages - License Prohibitions - Exceptions**

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This bill allows the holder of a Class 6 pub-brewery license or a Class 7 micro-brewery license to hold or have an interest in one retail alcoholic beverages license that does not apply to the same premises to which the Class 6 or Class 7 license applies.

The bill is effective June 1, 2000.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None. It is assumed that the bill would not impact the number of new applicants for Class 6 and Class 7 brewery licenses.

**Local Effect:** Local revenues would increase minimally for additional retail alcoholic beverages licenses issued to the holders of Class 6 and Class 7 brewery licenses. Expenditures would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** State Class 6 pub-brewery and Class 7 micro-brewery licenses allow their holders to brew and sell malt beverages on the licensed premises. The State licenses are issued to holders of local restaurant licenses. Aside from the appropriate restaurant license, Class 6 and Class 7 licensees may not hold an interest in any other retail licenses in Maryland.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Local revenues in some counties would increase if Class 6 and Class 7

brewery licensees purchase local retail alcoholic beverages licenses. The local impact depends on the number of breweries applying for and receiving licenses and the types of retail licenses that breweries acquire. There are only 19 Class 6 and Class 7 licensees in the State so any impact is expected to be minimal. It is assumed that the local boards of license commissioners could monitor any new licensees with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** Small business breweries would be able to acquire a second retail license in which they could have a financial interest, thereby profiting while also promoting their product for sale in other retail establishments.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Office of the Comptroller (Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division), Baltimore City, Caroline County, Howard County, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, Department of Legislative Services

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