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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1037 (Prince George's County Delegation)  
Economic Matters

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Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Sale or Transfer  
PG 305-00

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This bill prohibits the issuance or transfer of any alcoholic beverage license into or within the boundaries of the 24th alcoholic beverages district in Prince George's County.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not alter the number of alcoholic beverage licenses that Prince George's County may issue countywide. It is assumed that licenses lost in the 24th district would be replaced by licenses, and licensing revenues, in other areas.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** Licenses that provide for off-sale privileges only may not be issued in or transferred into the 24th alcoholic beverages district. Licenses providing for on-site consumption of alcoholic beverages may be issued, but any off-sale privileges the license bestows are waived.

**Background:** The 24th alcoholic beverages district is the same as the 24th legislative district, bordering a significant portion of Northeast Washington, DC. There are currently about 68 establishments licensed to sell alcoholic beverages in the district.

**Small Business Effect:** The bill could benefit small business licensees within the 24th district by eliminating the possibility of new competition. However, it would negatively

impact businesses desiring to move into or within the 24th district by denying the opportunity to conduct business there. Licensees operating in the district who are forced, for any reason, to relocate would have to move outside the 24th district, possibly losing existing patrons in the process.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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