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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 1463 (Delegate Love)

Economic Matters

Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class H Licenses

This bill repeals the provision that limits the number of Class H (beer and wine) licenses in Anne Arundel County that may be issued to a person who independently owns and operates a restaurant that is part of a common franchise corporate entity.

The bill is effective June 1, 2001.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Anne Arundel County revenues would increase by \$850 for each additional Class H (beer and wine) license issued. Anne Arundel County expenditures would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: In Anne Arundel County, a person who independently owns and operates a restaurant that is part of a common franchise corporate entity may be issued only one Class H (beer and wine) license by the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners if the person did not hold a retail alcoholic beverages license on January 1, 2000, or may be issued one additional Class H (beer and wine) license by the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners if the person held a Class H (beer and wine) license on June 1, 2000.

Background: Chapter 95 of 2000 allows an alcoholic beverages licensee in Anne Arundel County to hold two alcoholic beverages licenses so long as the licensee meets specific license and geographic criteria. The annual fee for a Class H (beer and wine) license is \$450 (\$300 for the beer and wine license, \$50 for the Sunday-sale license, \$100 for the music license). The application fee is \$400.

Local Fiscal Effect: Anne Arundel County revenues would increase by \$850 in fiscal 2002 for each additional Class H (beer and wine) license issued to a person who independently owns and operates a restaurant that is part of a common franchise corporate entity.

Small Business Effect: Independent owners and operators of restaurants that are part of a common franchise entity would be positively impacted to the extent they obtain an additional Class H (beer and wine) license. Existing alcoholic beverages licensees could face additional competition. If the addition of new restaurants leads to increased foot traffic, other small businesses may also benefit.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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