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House Bill 1085 (Delegates Conway and Cane)

Economic Matters

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Wicomico County - Alcoholic Beverages - Sunday Closing Time

This bill extends, in Wicomico County, the Sunday closing time from 10 p.m. to 12 midnight for holders of: (1) Class B on-sale hotel and restaurant beer, wine, and liquor licenses; (2) Class C on-sale club beer, wine, and liquor licenses; (3) Class B on-sale hotel and restaurant beer licenses; (4) Class B on-sale hotel and restaurant beer and light wine licenses; (5) seven-day Class D beer and light wine licenses; and (6) Class GC (golf course) beer, wine, and liquor licenses.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Extending the Sunday closing would not directly affect Wicomico County finances.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: The Sunday closing time is 10 p.m. for holders of: (1) Class B on-sale hotel and restaurant beer, wine, and liquor licenses; (2) Class C on-sale club beer, wine, and liquor licenses; (3) Class B on-sale hotel and restaurant beer licenses; (4) Class B on-sale hotel and restaurant beer and light wine licenses; (5) seven-day Class D beer and light wine licenses; and (6) Class GC (golf course) beer, wine, and liquor licenses.

Background: Currently there is one Class B on-sale hotel and restaurant beer, wine, and liquor licensee; 17 Class C on-sale club beer, wine, and liquor licensees; 13 seven-day Class D beer and light wine licensees; and one Class GC (golf course) beer, wine, and liquor licensee. There are no Class B on-sale hotel and restaurant beer and no Class B on-sale hotel and restaurant beer and light wine licensees.

Small Business Effect: Affected licensees could benefit from the later closing time. Licensees could realize additional revenues, but would have to offset new revenues with increased expenses.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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