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House Bill 597 (Frederick County Delegation)
Economic Matters

Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Retirement Community License

This bill authorizes the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners to issue a special Class C (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license to a retirement community that: (1) is operated by a nonprofit organization that cares for persons aged 60 years and older; (2) has been incorporated for at least one year prior to license application; and (3) prepares meals during regular operating hours to residents and guests. The annual fee is set at \$500. The license authorizes the licensee to sell at retail any alcoholic beverages to residents and their guests in the area of the licensed premises known as the community center for on-premises consumption only. Residents and their guests may consume wine owned by the resident, not purchased from the licensee, in the dining room with a meal. The bill also authorizes a wine-tasting society composed of retirement community residents to hold meetings on the licensed premises.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Frederick County revenues could increase by \$500 for each special Class C license issued. Issuing and monitoring the license could be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: There is no special Class C (retirement community) alcoholic beverages license in Frederick County. The hours of sale for a Class C (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license are from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. on the following day except Sundays; Sunday hours are from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day.

Local Fiscal Effect: Frederick County advises that the county has two retirement communities and that one is expected to apply for the license in fiscal 2002. Assuming one retirement community applies for and is granted a license, Frederick County revenues would increase by \$500 in fiscal 2002.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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