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Economic Matters

(Allegany County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental  
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**Allegany County - Alcoholic Beverages - Sunday Sales Permits**

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This bill authorizes the Allegany County Board of License Commissioners to issue a two-day Sunday sales permit to any alcoholic beverages licensee other than a Class A licensee. A two-day Sunday sales permit authorizes the permit holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption for any two Sundays in a year between the hours of 1 p.m. and 2 a.m. the following Monday. The permit fee is \$50 for each time the permit is used. An applicant for a two-day Sunday sales permit need not have kitchen facilities on the premises.

The bill is effective July 1, 2002.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Allegany County revenues would increase by \$50 for each day a two-day permit was used by a license holder. County expenditures would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** There is no two-day Sunday sales permit in Allegany County. However, in Allegany County, Class B and Class D licensees that meet restaurant requirements and

Class C licensees may pay an additional fee of \$250 to obtain a special Sunday license that permits sales of alcoholic beverages on every Sunday from 1 p.m. to 2 a.m.

Authorization for sales of alcoholic beverages on Sundays throughout the State varies from county to county. Examples, for illustration purposes only, include: (1) Class A and Class A-2 licensees in Baltimore City may sell alcoholic beverages on certain Sundays for a fee of \$25 per day; and (2) Worcester County permits the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sundays up to eight times a year for Class C beer, wine, and liquor licensees for a fee of \$100 per day.

**Background:** Allegany County advises that the permit would be issued to current licensees and the permit holders would be required to inform the Allegany County Board of License Commissioners which Sunday the permit would be in effect. Payment of \$50 would be required before authorization. Allegany County advises that a number of licensees would benefit from limited Sunday sales. As of April 30, 2001 there were 160 alcoholic beverages licensees in Allegany County that held a license other than a Class A license.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Allegany County revenues would increase by \$50 for each day a two-day permit was used. If all existing licensees other than Class A licensees bought a two-day permit, Allegany County revenues could increase by a maximum of \$16,000. Expenditures would not be affected as monitoring of licensees could be handled with existing resources.

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### Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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