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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 433

(Frederick County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class B Licenses in Middletown

This bill authorizes the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue within the municipal boundaries of Middletown a Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license if the licensed premises derives at least 70% of its monthly gross revenue from the sale of food.

The bill is effective July 1, 2002.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Frederick County revenues could increase by \$1,500 for each Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license issued. Monitoring of alcoholic beverages licensees and enforcement of alcoholic beverages law could be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: In the Third Election District of Frederick County, which includes the Town of Middletown, alcoholic beverages licenses may only be issued for Class A beer, Class B beer, and Class C beer licenses. This restriction also applies in the Jefferson, Johnsville, and Burkittsville election districts.

In Frederick County, a Class A, B, and C beer and light wine license and a Class A, B, and C beer, wine, and liquor license may be issued in the following election districts: First (Buckeystown), Second (Frederick), Fourth (Creagerstown), Fifth (Emmitsburg), Seventh (Urbana), Eighth (Liberty), Ninth (New Market), Eleventh (Woodsboro), Twelfth (Petersville), Thirteenth (Mt. Pleasant), Fifteenth (Thurmont), Eighteenth (Woodville), Twentieth (Lewistown), Twenty-fourth (Braddock), Twenty-fifth (Brunswick), and Twenty-sixth (Walkersville).

An alcoholic beverages license cannot be issued in the following election districts: Sixth (Catoctin), Tenth (Hauvers), Sixteenth (Jackson), Nineteenth (Linganore), Twenty-first (Tuscarora), and Twenty-third (Ballenger).

Background: Frederick County advises that only one potential applicant in the Town of Middletown to date has expressed an interest in acquiring a Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license.

Local Fiscal Effect: Frederick County revenues would increase by \$1,500 for each Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license issued. Additional revenues of \$300 per catering license could occur if the licensee elects to add catering services.

Small Business Effect: Small businesses in Middletown would be positively impacted to the extent that the availability of a Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license in Middletown permits an existing restaurant to attract additional customers by serving alcoholic beverages or permits a new restaurant to open.

Additional Information

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