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House Bill 725

(Montgomery County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Montgomery County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Community Swimming
Pools
MC 203-02**

This bill authorizes the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to issue a one-day special Class C beer license, beer and wine license, or beer, wine, and liquor license to a community swimming pool club. The fee for a Class C beer license and a Class C beer and wine license is set at \$15 per day; the fee for a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license is set at \$30 per day.

The bill is effective June 1, 2002.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Montgomery County revenues would increase by \$15 for each one-day special Class C beer or special Class C beer and wine license issued and by \$30 for each one-day special Class C beer, wine, and liquor license issued. Total additional revenues of approximately \$300 are anticipated. Expenditures would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In Montgomery County, a one-day special Class C beer, beer and wine, or beer, wine, and liquor license may be issued to a not-for-profit swimming pool club

regardless of number of members, dues owed, or licensing status. Clubs are associations or corporations organized for educational, social, fraternal, patriotic, political, or athletic purposes and not for profit.

In Maryland, under the statewide alcoholic beverage law article, a club is defined as an association or corporation organized and operated exclusively for educational, social, fraternal, patriotic, political, or athletic purposes and is not-for-profit. Nonprofit swimming pool clubs could obtain special Class C alcoholic beverages licenses throughout the State.

In Anne Arundel County, there are two types of Class C golf and country club licenses that require the facility have a swimming pool. Garrett, Harford, Montgomery, Prince George's, and Worcester counties have Class C golf and country club licenses that, despite varying requirements for licensure, allow a swimming pool to be on the property of the licensee.

Background: Montgomery County advises that there are three community swimming pool clubs that wish to obtain a one-day special Class C beer, beer and wine, or beer, wine, and liquor license.

Local Fiscal Effect: Montgomery County revenues would increase by \$15 for each one-day special Class C beer license and each special Class C beer and wine license issued to a community pool club that meets the bill's requirements. Montgomery County revenues would increase by \$30 for each one-day special Class C beer, wine, and liquor license issued to a community pool club. Montgomery County advises that it anticipates additional revenues of approximately \$300 annually from fees for special Class C licenses. The Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners advises that it could monitor one-day special Class C licenses with existing resources.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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