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Senate Bill 358

(Senator Della)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Baltimore City - Class D Beer, Wine and Liquor Licenses - Sunday Sales

This emergency bill authorizes the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to issue a supplemental Sunday sales license to a Class D beer, wine, and liquor licensee that authorizes the licensee to sell alcoholic beverages no more than two Sundays per calendar year. The fee for the supplemental Sunday sales license is \$75 per issuance and the hours of sale are restricted to 6 a.m. on Sunday to 1 a.m. the following day. The bill requires the licensee to inform the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners at least two weeks in advance of when it chooses to exercise the privileges of the license.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Baltimore City revenues would increase by \$75 for each issuance of a Class D beer, wine, and liquor supplemental alcoholic beverages license.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: There is no supplemental Sunday sales alcoholic beverages license in Baltimore City for Class D beer, wine, and liquor licenses. A Class D beer, wine, and liquor license has an annual fee of \$687.50 and permits sales Monday through Saturday between the hours of 6 a.m. and 1 a.m. the following day. A Class D beer, wine, and liquor licensee may purchase an amusement permit, which has an additional fee of \$750, and permits sales on Sundays from 6 a.m. to 1 a.m. the following day.

Background: As of April 30, 2001 there were 104 Class D beer, wine, and liquor licensees in Baltimore City. The Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners advises that any licensee holding a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license with an amusement permit in the past has converted its license to a Class BD7 beer, wine, and liquor license, which has Sunday sales privileges. Accordingly, all current 104 Class D beer, wine, and liquor licensees do not have Sunday sales privileges and would be eligible to obtain a supplemental Sunday sales license. The board further advises that it anticipates demand for the supplemental Sunday sales license to be very high and that the license would be used for Super Bowl Sunday, St. Patrick's Day events, the Fells Point Festival, and other special occasions.

Local Fiscal Effect: Baltimore City revenues would increase by \$75 for each issuance of a Class D beer, wine, and liquor supplemental Sunday sales license. Assuming all current Class D beer, wine, and liquor licensees use the supplemental Sunday sales license twice a year, Baltimore City revenues would increase by \$15,600. Monitoring of the licenses could be handled with existing resources.

Additional Information

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