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House Bill 220

(Garrett County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Garrett County - Alcoholic Beverages - Sunday Sales

This bill authorizes, in election districts 11 and 15 in Garrett County, holders of special 2-day Class C licenses, special 6-day Class C licenses, and special 12-day Class C licenses to sell alcoholic beverages from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays. The bill also clarifies that a holder of a Class B license or a Class C service club license that wants to provide Sunday sales must pay a one-time issuing fee of \$250 and an annual license fee of \$250.

The bill is effective June 1, 2003.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Garrett County revenues would increase by \$50 for each special 2-day Class C license issued, by \$150 for each special 6-day Class C license issued, and by \$300 for each special 12-day Class C license issued. Expenditures would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: In election districts 11 and 15 in Garrett County holders of Class C service club licenses and Class B licenses may sell alcoholic beverages from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sundays only in conjunction with a meal. In election districts 11 and 15 in Garrett County holders of special 2-day Class C licenses, special 6-day Class C licenses,

and special 12-day Class C licenses are not permitted to sell alcoholic beverages on Sundays.

Background: Chapter 470 of 1996 approved the placement of a question on the ballot at the November 1996 general election for the voters of Garrett County to authorize holders of Class C service club licenses and Class B licenses in their election districts to sell alcoholic beverages on Sundays from 1 p.m. to 10 p.m. Garrett County voters in election districts 11 and 15 approved the sale of alcoholic beverages in their election districts by Class C service club licensees and Class B licensees. There are 19 election districts in Garrett County.

There are four types of special Class C licenses in Garrett County. A special 2-day Class C license with a fee of \$50, a special 6-day Class C license with a fee of \$150, a special 12-day Class C license with a fee of \$300, and a special multiple event Class C license with varying fees depending on the number of events. Sale of beer, beer and wine, or beer, wine, and liquor may be conferred by each of the four special Class C licenses.

Local Fiscal Effect: Garrett County advises that there are two organizations that have each expressed an interest in Sunday sales privileges under the special 2-day Class C license for two events each year. Assuming four special Class C 2-day licenses are issued with Sunday sales privileges each year Garrett County revenues would increase by \$200.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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