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Education, Health, and Environmental
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Charles County - Alcoholic Beverages - Out-of-State Licensees

This bill prohibits the issuance of a Class A or Class D beer, beer and light wine, or beer, wine, and liquor license in Charles County, except by way of renewal, to any person, corporation, or limited liability company holding an alcoholic beverages license in any other state or in Washington, DC.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Charles County revenues could decrease minimally due to the prohibition against issuing a license to an entity that holds an alcoholic beverages license in any other state or in Washington, DC. Expenditures would not be directly affected.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: There is no prohibition in Charles County against the issuance of a Class A or Class D beer, beer and light wine, or beer, wine, and liquor license to a person, corporation, or limited liability company holding an alcoholic beverages license in any other state or in Washington, DC.

In Anne Arundel and Baltimore counties a Class A or Class D beer, beer and light wine, or beer, wine, and liquor license may not be issued, except by way of renewal, to a

person, corporation, or limited liability company holding an alcoholic beverages license in any other state or in Washington, DC. In Baltimore City a Class A or Class D beer, beer and light wine, or beer, wine, and liquor license may not be issued, except by way of renewal, to a person, corporation, or limited liability company holding an alcoholic beverages license in any other state.

Background: As of April 30, 2002 there were 101 Class A and Class D licensees in Charles County. Charles County does not require applicants and licensees to provide any information regarding alcoholic beverages licenses held in another state or Washington, DC. Accordingly, information on the number of Class A and Class D licensees currently holding an out-of-state or Washington, DC alcoholic beverages license is not readily available.

Small Business Effect: Existing small businesses in Charles County that hold a Class A or Class D beer, beer and light wine, or beer, wine, and liquor license may be positively impacted due to less competition. Any small business seeking such a license in Charles County that currently holds an alcoholic beverages license in any other state or in Washington, DC would be prevented from obtaining a license.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Charles County, Department of Legislative Services

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