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(Prince George's County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Prince George's County - Special Class C Beer and Beer and Wine Licenses - Fees
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This bill increases from \$25 to \$50 the daily license fee in Prince George's County for a special Class C beer license and a special Class C beer and wine license.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County revenues would increase by \$25 for each day that a special Class C beer or special Class C beer and wine license is issued. County expenditures would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The daily license fee for a special Class C beer or special Class C beer and wine liquor license is \$25. A special Class C beer or special Class C beer and wine license authorizes the licensee to exercise any of the privileges conferred by the respective class of licenses for the use of any person holding any bona fide entertainment conducted by any club, society, or association at the place described in the license for a period not exceeding seven consecutive days from the effective date thereof.

There is no uniformity among the local jurisdictions as to the fees and regulations for special Class C beer and special Class C beer and wine licenses. Most jurisdictions are

authorized to issue a special Class C beer or special or special Class C beer and wine license to clubs, organizations, societies, or associations for a period of one to seven days with most daily fees ranging from between \$10 to \$25.

Background: The last time the fee for a special Class C beer license and a special Class C beer and wine license in Prince George's County was increased was in fiscal 1993 when the daily fee was increased from \$12 to \$25 (Chapter 392 of 1992). Prince George's County advises that 220 special Class C beer licenses and special Class C beer and wine licenses were issued in calendar 2001.

Local Fiscal Effect: Prince George's County revenues could increase by approximately \$8,250 in fiscal 2004 assuming 165 two-day special Class C beer and special Class C beer and wine licenses are issued after the bill's effective date of October 1, 2003. Annualized revenue increases of approximately \$11,000 would be realized beginning in fiscal 2005 assuming 220 two-day special Class C beer, wine, and liquor licenses are issued. There is no application fee for the license.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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