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House Bill 332
Economic Matters

(Frederick County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Stadium License

This emergency bill expands the privileges of the stadium beer on-sale alcoholic beverages license in Frederick County to include the sale of light wine, renames the license to be the stadium on-sale license, expands authorized events from baseball games only to any event held at the stadium, and increases the annual fee for the license from \$500 to \$2,000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Frederick County revenues would increase by \$1,500 for each stadium on-sale license issued. Expenditures would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Frederick County Board of License Commissioners is authorized to issue a stadium on-sale beer license to the owner of a baseball stadium. The licensee is authorized to sell beer at the stadium at the home games of the licensee's team from the time the stadium opens until the end of the game. The annual fee is \$500.

Background: The Frederick County stadium beer on-sale license was created by Chapter 76 of 1989.

Local Fiscal Effect: Frederick County revenues would increase by \$1,500 for each stadium on-sale license issued. Frederick County advises that it has issued one stadium on-sale beer license annually since 1989 and anticipates only one stadium on-sale license to be issued each year for the foreseeable future. Monitoring the stadium on-sale license could be handled with existing resources.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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