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Economic Matters

(St. Mary's County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

**St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Exemption for Outdoor Motor Sports
Facilities**

This bill exempts outdoor motor sports facilities located in Budds Creek or Mechanicsville in St. Mary's County from the prohibition against individuals consuming alcoholic beverages at a licensed establishment in which the alcoholic beverages were not sold.

The bill is effective June 1, 2003.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Exempting alcoholic beverages licensees from the prohibition against individuals consuming alcoholic beverages at a licensed establishment where the alcoholic beverages were not sold would not affect St. Mary's County finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: It is unlawful for an individual to consume an alcoholic beverage on the premises of an establishment licensed to sell alcoholic beverages that was not purchased at that establishment. It is also unlawful for any license holder to permit this situation to occur on his/her premises. There are a number of exemptions to this prohibition.

Specifically, in St. Mary's County, any religious, fraternal, civic, veterans, hospital, or charitable organizations that have been issued a special alcoholic beverage license are exempt from the restriction that prevents individuals from consuming an alcoholic beverage at a licensed establishment in which the alcoholic beverage was not sold.

Background: There are two outdoor motor sports facilities located in St. Mary's County: the Maryland International Raceway/Potomac Speedway located in Mechanicsville and the Budds Creek Motocross Park located in Budds Creek. The St. Mary's County Alcohol Beverage Board has issued a Class D beer license to both facilities.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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