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House Bill 632

(Frederick County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Maryland Ensemble Theatre**

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This bill renames the Frederick County special Class C (Cultural Arts Center) on-sale beer and wine license to be the special Class C (Maryland Ensemble Theater) on-sale beer and wine license. The bill also authorizes the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners to issue the special Class C (Maryland Ensemble Theater) on-sale beer and wine license to the Maryland Ensemble Theater instead of the Cultural Arts Center. The bill also clarifies that: (1) beer and wine must be consumed on the premises not earlier than one hour before and not one hour after a special fundraiser performance exclusively for the benefit of the Maryland Ensemble Theater; and (2) the president and two other officers of the Maryland Ensemble Theater must sign the license application filed on behalf of the theater.

The bill is effective June 1, 2003.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Frederick County finances would not be affected by renaming an alcoholic beverages license or changing the entity authorized to receive the license.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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## Analysis

**Current Law:** In Frederick County there is a special Class C (Cultural Arts Center) on-sale beer and wine license that may be issued to the Cultural Arts Center of Frederick County. The licensee is authorized to sell beer and wine for consumption on the premises no earlier than one hour before and not later than one hour after a regular performance or a special fundraiser performance exclusively for the benefit of the Cultural Arts Center. The president and two other officers of the Maryland Ensemble Theater must sign the application for the license filed on behalf of the Cultural Arts Center.

**Background:** Frederick County advises that the Maryland Ensemble Theater no longer leases the Cultural Arts Center for its performances.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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