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(Prince George's County Delegation)

Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Out-of-State Licensees
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This bill prohibits in Prince George's County the issuance of a Class A or Class D beer, beer and light wine, or beer, wine, and liquor license, except by way of renewal, to any person, corporation, or limited liability company holding an alcoholic beverages license in any other state or the District of Columbia.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's 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 the District of Columbia. Expenditures would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: There is no prohibition in Prince George's 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 the District of Columbia.

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 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 247 Class A and Class D licensees in Prince George's County. Prince George's County advises that four of these licensees also hold an alcoholic beverages license in another state or Washington, DC.

Small Business Effect: Existing small businesses in Prince George's 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 Prince George's County that currently holds an alcoholic beverages license in any other state or the District of Columbia would be prevented from obtaining a license.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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