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House Bill 1083

(Anne Arundel County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

City of Annapolis - Alcoholic Beverages Licensing - Enforcement

This bill authorizes the City of Annapolis by ordinance to establish that selling and providing alcoholic beverages to a minor is a municipal infraction. The bill also authorizes the Annapolis Police Department to serve summonses for violations of alcoholic beverages laws.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Annapolis revenues could increase minimally due to fines issued for violations of alcoholic beverages law. City expenditures could decrease minimally due to fewer hearings held on violations of alcoholic beverages law.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Summonses for violations of alcoholic beverages law must be served by the Sheriff of Anne Arundel County. The Annapolis Police Department does not have the authority to serve summonses for violations of alcoholic beverages law. In Annapolis, the Board of License Commissioners may impose a suspension or a fine of not more than \$1,000 for a violation of selling alcoholic beverages to a minor.

Background: A citation issued for a violation of local law that is considered a municipal infraction in Annapolis authorizes the city department charged with enforcing the city's laws to issue penalties without first holding a hearing on the alleged violation.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 702 (Senator Astle) – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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