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Economic Matters

(St. Mary's County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

St. Mary's and Calvert Counties - Alcoholic Beverages - Out-of-State Licensees

This bill prohibits the issuance of a Class A or Class D beer, beer and light wine, or beer, wine, and liquor license in Calvert and St. Mary's counties, except by way of renewal, to any person, corporation, or limited liability company holding an alcoholic beverages license in any other state or Washington, DC.

The bill is effective June 1, 2003.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Calvert and St. Mary's counties 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 in Washington, DC. County expenditures would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: There is no prohibition in Calvert or St. Mary's counties 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 Washington, DC.

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 47 Class A and Class D licensees in Calvert County. Calvert County does not require applicants and licensees to provide any information regarding alcoholic beverages licenses held in another state or Washington, DC. Accordingly, information on the number of Class A and Class D licensees currently holding an out-of-state or Washington, DC alcoholic beverages license is not readily available. As of April 30, 2002 there were 97 Class A and Class D licensees in St. Mary's County. St. Mary's County advises that 20 of these licensees also hold an alcoholic beverages license in another state or Washington, DC.

Small Business Effect: Existing small businesses in Calvert or St. Mary's counties 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 St. Mary's County that currently holds an alcoholic beverages license in any other state or in Washington, DC would be prevented from obtaining a license.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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