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(Prince George's County Delegation)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Prince George's County - Nudity and Sexual Displays Restricted - Alcoholic
Beverages License Revocation
PG 313-03**

This bill includes Prince George's County among those jurisdictions in which nudity and sexual displays are prohibited in establishments with alcoholic beverages licenses. A violator's liquor license must be revoked by the Prince George's County board of license commissioners. The bill also: (1) exempts any alcoholic beverages license holder that currently conducts an activity made unlawful by this bill, if the licensee has received permission from the board of license commissioners to conduct the activity, on the condition that the exemption expires when the license is sold, transferred, revoked, suspended, or terminated; and (2) provides that the exemption does not apply to license holders that have not received approval from the liquor control board to conduct activities made unlawful by the bill.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Enforcement of the bill's provisions and conducting license revocation hearings would not significantly affect Prince George's County finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Many local jurisdictions currently require an alcoholic beverages license to be revoked where nudity and sexual displays occur. These include Allegany, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Carroll, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Kent, Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Washington (with a limited exception), Wicomico, and Worcester counties.

Background: Prince George's County advises that 22 establishments licensed for alcoholic beverages in the county have exotic dancing. Prince George's County further advises that seven of these licensed establishments have received permission from the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners to conduct exotic dancing on their premises and that these seven establishments would be exempt from the bill's provisions. The other 15 licensed establishments have exotic dancing, but have not received permission from the board for this activity and would not be exempt from the bill's provisions.

Small Business Effect: Current alcoholic beverages licensees that have received permission from the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners to conduct exotic dancing would be positively impacted by the exemption to the prohibition against exotic dancing. Those licensees that have not received permission to conduct exotic dancing would be negatively impacted by the prohibition.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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