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(Washington County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

Washington County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Out-of-State Restriction

This bill prohibits in Washington 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 Washington, DC.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Washington 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 Washington, DC. Expenditures would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: There is no prohibition in Washington 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 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 90 Class A and Class D licenses in Washington County. Washington County does not require applicants for Class A and Class D licenses to provide 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.

Small Business Effect: Existing small businesses in Washington 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 Washington County that currently holds an alcoholic beverages license in another state or Washington, DC would be prevented from obtaining a license.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Washington County, Department of Legislative Services

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