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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

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House Bill 600

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**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 new Class A or Class D beer; beer and light wine; or beer, wine, and liquor license to any person, corporation, or limited liability company also holding either an alcoholic beverages license in any other state or the District of Columbia, or a majority interest in a corporation or limited liability company holding such a license. The bill allows current license holders to renew their licenses.

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**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, or holds a majority interest in a corporation or limited liability company that has such a license. Expenditures would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** While 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, or a majority interest in a

corporation or limited liability company holding such a license, several jurisdictions restrict issuance to current license holders only.

In Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Charles, St. Mary's, and Washington 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 the District of Columbia. 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, 2003, there were 242 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 the District of Columbia, or hold a majority interest in a corporation or limited liability company that has such a license.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** An identical bill was introduced in the 2003 session as HB 613. The Economic Matters Committee reported the bill unfavorably.

**Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Prince George's County, Department of Legislative Services

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