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House Bill 1187
Economic Matters

(Carroll County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

Carroll County - Micro-Breweries - Retail Off-Sale Privileges

This bill authorizes the holder of a Class 7 micro-brewery (on- and off-sale) license in Carroll County to sell at retail beer brewed under the license to customers for consumption off-premises in refillable containers that are sealed by the micro-brewery at the time of each refill.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Carroll County finances would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Class 7 micro-breweries in Baltimore City, the City of Annapolis, and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, and Talbot counties are authorized to sell at retail beer brewed under this license for off-premises consumption in refillable containers that are sealed by the micro-brewery at the time of each refill. Class 7 micro-breweries in Carroll County may sell beer for on-premises consumption but are not authorized to sell beer at retail to customers for off-premises consumption.

Background: There are 19 micro-breweries operating in Maryland; only one of these micro-breweries is located in Carroll County. A Class 7 micro-brewery is prohibited from producing, bottling, or contracting for more than 22,500 barrels of beer annually and is authorized to sell up to 4,000 barrels of beer for on-sale consumption each year.

A refillable container is defined as a glass bottle or other container with a replaceable cap or cover.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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