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House Bill 568

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental
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**Prince George's County - Wine Consumption - Continuing Care Retirement
Communities
PG 343-04**

This bill authorizes residents and their guests in a continuing care retirement community in Prince George's County that holds a Class C (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license to consume wine not purchased from the continuing care retirement community under specified circumstances. The wine must be consumed with a meal in the dining room, and the continuing care retirement community must be operated by a nonprofit organization for the continuing care of persons at least 60 years old, have been incorporated for at least one year, have obtained a certificate of registration from the Department of Aging, and prepare and serve meals during regular operating hours to residents and their guests.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2004.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The bill's provisions would not affect Prince George's County finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: There is no explicit provision in statute that authorizes residents and their guests in a continuing care retirement community in Prince George's County that holds a Class C (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license to consume wine not purchased from the continuing care retirement community.

Generally, with limited exceptions, it is unlawful to consume alcoholic beverages that were not purchased from the license holder on that licensee's premises, and it is unlawful for a licensee to permit any person to do so. Class C club licenses authorize various clubs, including veterans' clubs, fraternal organizations, interest groups, and athletic, social, or cultural organizations, to keep for sale and to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the licensed premises.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 221 (Senator Exum, *et al.*) – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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