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House Bill 124 (St. Mary's County Delegation)
Health and Government Operations

Temporary Food Service Facility - License - Length of Operation

This bill alters the number of days a temporary food service facility may operate from not more than 14 consecutive days to not more than 120 days each year.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill would affect local government operations only.

Local Effect: To the extent that this bill increases the number of temporary food service facility licenses issued by local health departments (\$35 per license), revenues would increase. No effect on expenditures.

Small Business Effect: Significant for small businesses that could operate a temporary food service facility for a maximum of 120 days annually, instead of the existing limitation of 14 days.

Analysis

Current Law: A temporary food service facility operates for not more than 14 consecutive days at a fixed location in conjunction with a fair, carnival, public exhibition, construction project, recreational facility, or similar gathering. A temporary food service facility license expires at the end of the underlying event or after the 14 consecutive days of operation, whichever is earlier, or as provided by local law, ordinance, or regulation.

Background: In fiscal 2004, there were 8,383 temporary food service facility licenses issued in Maryland. **Exhibit 1** lists the licenses by region. A temporary food service facility pays a \$35 license fee to the appropriate local health department.

Exhibit 1
Fiscal 2004 Temporary Food Service Facility
Licenses Issued by Region

Allegany	334	Howard	214
Anne Arundel	447	Kent	224
Baltimore County	900	Montgomery	685
Calvert	92	Prince George's	394
Caroline	0	Queen Anne's	97
Carroll	615	St. Mary's	170
Cecil	131	Somerset	15
Charles	73	Talbot	183
Dorchester	171	Washington	240
Frederick	1,508	Wicomico	204
Garrett	20	Worcester	260
Harford	884	Baltimore Cit	522

Source: Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

Additional Information

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