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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 875 (Senator Astle)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Anne Arundel County - Bottle Clubs - Restrictions

This bill clarifies that a bottle club owner or operator in Anne Arundel County is prohibited from engaging in all or any one of specified activities: evading the alcoholic beverage laws of the county or selling, giving, serving, dispensing, keeping, or allowing consumption of alcoholic beverages in the bottle club.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: An owner of a bottle club in Anne Arundel County is prohibited from evading the alcoholic beverage laws of the county and from selling, giving, serving, dispensing, keeping, or allowing consumption of alcoholic beverages in the bottle club. A violator faces a fine of up to \$10,000, imprisonment for up to two years, or both.

A bottle club is defined as an establishment that is subject to licensure and serves, gives, dispenses, keeps, or allows alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the premises that the patron purchased, reserved, or otherwise brought with them to the establishment.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 1267 (Delegate Love) – Economic Matters.

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