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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 716
Economic Matters

(Charles County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

Charles County - Alcoholic Beverages - Exemption from Sunday Sales
Prohibition

This bill repeals the prohibition against a retail holder of a Class B or C alcoholic beverage license in Charles County from selling alcoholic beverages at a bar or counter on Sunday.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2005.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Repealing the prohibition would not directly affect Charles County finances.

Small Business Effect: Overall minimal, but potential meaningful for retail Class B or C licensees in Charles County who would be allowed to sell alcoholic beverages at a bar or counter on Sundays.

Analysis

Current Law: In general, holders of a Class B or C alcoholic beverage license may not sell alcoholic beverages at a bar or counter on Sundays. With some exceptions, this prohibition does not apply in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Caroline, Carroll, Garrett, Prince George's, and Washington counties, as well as Baltimore City.

Background: As of April 30, 2004, Charles County had 5 holders of a Class B beer and wine license, 50 holders of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license, and 11 holders of a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Charles County; *Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Annual Report – Fiscal 2004*, Comptroller’s Office; Department of Legislative Services

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