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(Prince George's County Delegation)

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**Prince George's County - Class B-MB/22 Alcoholic Beverages License
PG 350-05**

This bill authorizes the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class B-MB/22 alcoholic beverages license to a holder of a State Class 7 micro-brewery license in the 22nd legislative district, for an annual license fee of \$990. The holder of such a license may sell liquor by the drink for on-premises consumption only. Unless otherwise prohibited, a holder of a Class B-MB/22 license is also permitted to hold a Class D license.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2005.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County annual license fee revenues would increase by \$990, as well as by \$700 for a one-time application fee, for each Class B-MB/22 license issued as a result of this authority.

Small Business Effect: Minimal overall, but potential meaningful for a holder of a Class 7 micro-brewery license located in the area specified in the bill.

Analysis

Current Law: The Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners is not authorized to issue a Class B-MB/22 license.

A Class 7 micro-brewery license may be issued by the State Comptroller in 16 jurisdictions – Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Carroll, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, and Talbot counties, as well as the cities of Baltimore and Annapolis. In Prince George's County, a Class 7 license may only be issued to a Class B licensee located in one of the permitted jurisdictions and to an existing Class D licensee located in the 22nd Alcoholic Beverages District of Prince George's County.

A holder of a Class 7 license with on-sale privilege may sell for on-premises consumption up to 4,000 barrels of beer brewed under the license each year. In 15 jurisdictions – Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Carroll, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Garrett, Harford, Howard, Montgomery, Prince George's, and Talbot counties, as well as the City of Baltimore and the City of Annapolis – a Class 7 licensee may sell to customers beer brewed under the license in refillable containers sealed at the brewery for off-premises consumption.

Local Fiscal Effect: Prince George's County advises that there is currently one Class 7 micro-brewery license located in the area specified in the bill. As such, assuming the license is issued on or after July 1, 2005, fiscal 2006 license fee revenues would increase by \$1,690 for the annual license fee (\$990) and one-time application fee (\$700). In subsequent years, license fee revenues would increase by \$990.

Additional Information

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Cross File: None.

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