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Senate Bill 888 (Senators Mooney and Brinkley)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Inspectors

This bill clarifies that the alcoholic beverages inspector appointed by the Governor is a full-time inspector. Additionally, it authorizes the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners, with the approval of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), to employ as many part-time alcoholic beverages inspectors as necessary, with the same powers and duties as the full-time inspector. The BOCC is required to set the compensation of the part-time inspectors.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Frederick County personnel expenditures could increase to compensate the new part-time inspectors. Revenues would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Governor must appoint one alcoholic beverages inspector for Frederick County, with the advice and consent of the Senate. If there is no resident Senator from the county, then the inspector is appointed with the consent of the members of the Frederick County Delegation to the House of Delegates. The Frederick County alcoholic beverages inspector has the power of a Maryland peace officer with respect to the alcoholic beverages laws that pertain to Frederick County, among his or her duties is assisting Board of License Commissioners in the enforcement of the alcoholic beverages laws of the county.

Several counties are authorized to have part-time alcoholic beverages inspectors. While some counties, such as Anne Arundel and Prince George's, have a limit on the number of part-time inspectors the board of license commissioners in each county may appoint (16 and 29 respectively), other counties such as Cecil are authorized to appoint as many part-time inspectors as necessary.

Local Fiscal Effect: The precise fiscal impact on Frederick County expenditures cannot be reliably quantified at this time, as it would depend on the number of inspectors that would be appointed as well as the compensation that would be approved by the Frederick County BOCC.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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