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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 1008

(Senator Brinkley)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Carroll County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class BR Licenses

This bill reduces, in Carroll County, the minimum number of days per week that a restaurant is required to serve at least one full-course evening dinner meal from six to five in order for the restaurant's owner or operator to obtain a Class BR beer, wine, and liquor license for the premises.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2005.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Overall minimal, but potential meaningful for a restaurant that serves evening dinner meals five days per week and meets other specified requirements, which would be allowed to obtain a Class BR beer, wine, and liquor license under the bill.

Analysis

Current Law: In order to obtain a Class BR beer, wine, and liquor license, the applicant's restaurant must (1) serve at least one full-course evening dinner meal at least six days per week; (2) only be open during the time meals are served; (3) have a regular seating capacity (excluding bar or counter seating) of 50 or more people; and (4) be

operated in facilities valued for State and local assessment and taxation of at least \$50,000. The annual Class BR beer, wine, and liquor license fee is \$2,000.

A Class BR beer, wine, and liquor license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor seven days a week, on the premises of the restaurant for consumption with meals.

Local Fiscal Effect: Carroll County advises that there are seven holders of a Class BR beer, wine, and liquor license. While the bill would change the requirement regarding the number of days per week on which the restaurant must serve at least one full-course evening dinner, the bill would not affect county revenues or expenses.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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