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Senate Bill 510

(Senator Pinsky)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Riverdale Park Mixed-Use Town Center

This bill authorizes the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners to allow an individual, partnership, corporation, unincorporated association, or limited liability company to hold or have an interest in more than one Class B beer, wine, and liquor license, if the restaurant is located in the Riverdale Park mixed-use town center. The annual license fee for a license issued under this authority is \$2,500.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2006.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: For each Class B beer, wine, and liquor license issued under this authority, Prince George's County license fee revenues would increase by \$2,500, as well as by a one-time application fee of \$700. Expenditures would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful for restaurants that would be allowed to obtain a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license located in the Riverdale Park mixed-use town center.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill increases the number of Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses that a person may hold within the specified areas underserved by restaurants from four to five. However, a license holder may be issued or transferred a sixth Class B beer, wine,

and liquor license if the date of the application for the sixth license is at least one year after the issuance or transfer date of the fifth license. Moreover, a license holder may be issued or transferred a seventh Class B beer, wine, and liquor license if the application for the seventh license is at least one year after the issuance or transfer date of the sixth license.

Current Law: The Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners is authorized to allow an individual, partnership, corporation, unincorporated association, or limited liability company to hold or have an interest in more than one Class B beer, wine, and liquor license in an area underserved by restaurants, including parts of the Largo area, Port Towns business district, and Suitland business district. With some exceptions, the licensee may not hold more than four Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses within all of these areas. A license holder may be issued or transferred a fifth Class B beer, wine, and liquor license if the date of the application for the fifth license is at least one year after the issuance or transfer date of the fourth license. Similarly, a license holder may be issued or transferred a sixth Class B beer, wine, and liquor license if the application for the sixth license is at least one year after the issuance or transfer date of the fifth license.

Background: Prince George's County is authorized to issue up to 170 Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses.

Local Fiscal Effect: For each new Class B beer, wine, and liquor license issued as a result of this authority, Prince George's County license fees would increase by \$3,200 in the first year of issuance from an annual license fee (\$2,500) and a one-time application fee (\$700). For each of these licenses renewed, annual license fees would increase by \$2,500. The total impact cannot be reliably quantified at this time, as it depends on how many restaurants would choose to locate in the Riverdale Park mixed-use town center and how many restaurants would apply for a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license. It is assumed that the cost of monitoring of the additional licenses would be absorbable within existing resources.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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