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Senate Bill 1100

(Senators Gladden and Brochin)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Golf Course License

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This bill authorizes the Baltimore City Board of Liquor License Commissioners to issue a special Class M-G beer, wine, and liquor license to a municipal golf course located on land owned by Baltimore City and operated by a Baltimore City golf course manager. The licensee may designate an agent to sell alcoholic beverages at the golf course for on-premises consumption, and the agent is considered the vendor for purposes of collecting and remitting the sales and use tax. The board is required to adopt implementing regulations.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2006.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Baltimore City license fee revenues would increase by \$1,500 annually beginning in FY 2007. Expenditures would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful for the Baltimore City municipal golf courses.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** Generally, no more than one alcoholic beverages license may be issued to any person, or for the use of any partnership, corporation, unincorporated association, or limited liability company, with a number of exceptions.

**Background:** According to the Baltimore City Board of Liquor License Commissioners, Baltimore City owns five golf courses, four are within the city and one is in Baltimore County. Three of the golf courses (Mt. Pleasant, Carroll Park, and Clifton Park) operate under Class D beer and light wine licenses, and the Forrest Park golf course operates under a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license. The Pine Ridge golf course, which is located in Baltimore County, does not have an alcoholic beverages license.

The board advises that alcoholic beverages licenses are currently issued to concessionaires at the golf courses. If the contract between the concessionaire and the golf course ends, it can be difficult to transfer the license from the concessionaire. The board is unable to issue the alcoholic beverages licenses directly to the municipal golf courses because statute prohibits them from holding more than one license.

Since the Pine Ridge golf course is located in Baltimore County, the city's board of liquor license commissioners is currently unable to issue a license to this golf course. However, because the bill is applicable to a golf course located on land owned by Baltimore City, the city's liquor board may be able to issue a special Class M-G license to this establishment.

In Baltimore City, the annual license fees for a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license and a Class D beer and light wine license are \$550 and \$165, respectively. The annual license fee for a special Class M-G beer, wine, and liquor license is \$500.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Baltimore City license fee revenues would increase by \$1,455 annually beginning in fiscal 2007. This estimate accounts for the difference between the annual license fees for three Class D beer and light wine licenses, one Class C beer, wine, and liquor license, and the new Class M-G beer, wine, and liquor licenses that would be issued in their place. It also assumes that the Baltimore City Board of Liquor License Commissioners would be able to issue a special Class M-G license to the Pine Ridge golf course in Baltimore County.

It is assumed that monitoring of the licenses would be absorbable within existing resources.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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