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House Bill 752

(Delegate Kach, *et al.*)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Alcoholic Beverages - Proof of Age - United States Military Identification Card

This bill authorizes an alcoholic beverages licensee or the licensee's employee to accept a U.S. military identification card as proof of the person's age for purposes of selling or furnishing alcoholic beverages to that individual.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Authorizing an alcoholic beverages licensee or the licensee's employee to accept a U.S. military identification card as proof of age would not materially impact local government finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: An alcoholic beverages licensee is prohibited from selling or furnishing any alcoholic beverages to a person under 21 years old for the underage person's own use or for the use of any other person; or to any person who, at the time of the sale or delivery, is visibly under the influence of any alcoholic beverage. Generally, a licensee or an employee of the licensee who does so is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to a fine of up to \$1,000, imprisonment for up to two years, or both.

If the person is a resident of the State, the licensee or employee of the licensee may accept a person's driver's license or identification card as provided for in the Maryland Vehicle Law as proof of a person's age.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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