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House Bill 725

(Frederick County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Beer, Wine and Liquor License

This bill authorizes the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners to issue a one-day beer, wine, and liquor license to the St. Katherine Drexel Roman Congregation. All net proceeds from the sale of alcoholic beverages must be used to fund building construction or for charitable purposes.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2006.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential minimal increase in Frederick County license fees. Expenditures would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Generally, a special or temporary alcoholic beverages license may not be issued if the issuance of a regular alcoholic beverages license of the same class is not authorized by statute.

Background: There are a number of “dry districts” in Frederick County. Generally, the issuance of an alcoholic beverages license within a dry district is either prohibited or restricted by statute. Frederick County advises that St. Katharine Drexel Roman Catholic

Congregation is located within a dry district in the county, and as such is unable to obtain a regular alcoholic beverages license.

A special Class C beer, wine, and liquor license allows the holder to exercise any of the privileges conferred by the respective license class for a period not to exceed seven consecutive days. The license fee for a special Class C beer, wine, and liquor license is \$30 per day.

Local Fiscal Effect: For each special Class C beer, wine, and liquor license issued, license fee revenues would increase by \$30 per day. Frederick County advises that monitoring of the additional special licenses can be handled with existing resources.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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