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House Bill 382

(Charles County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Charles County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Penalty for Late Renewal

This bill establishes that an application for an alcoholic beverages license renewal in Charles County must be received on or before March 31 of each year. A late renewal application is subject to a penalty of \$50 each day it is late, with the maximum charge being \$500 per renewal application. A license may not be renewed if a renewal application is not filed prior to the date of the next meeting of the Charles County Board of License Commissioners following March 31 of each year.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2007.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Minimal revenue increase in Charles County from the penalty provision. Expenditures will not be affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal. License holders may encounter some late charges due to the earlier filing deadline. A license holder that does not submit a renewal application prior to the next meeting of the Charles County Board of License Commissioners following March 31 of each year would have to file a new application for an alcoholic beverages license. The license holder would have to cease serving alcoholic beverages until the new license is effective.

Analysis

Current Law: In Charles County the holder of any expiring license (other than special licenses), must file a written application, duly verified by oath, for the renewal of the license with the county board of license commissioners not less than 30 nor more than 60 days before the first day of May of each year.

Background: Most counties have provisions for late fees in State law. Baltimore, Calvert, Carroll, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's counties and Baltimore City have late fees of \$50 per day. Baltimore, Calvert, and Carroll counties also allow maximum late charges of \$500 per application.

Local Fiscal Effect: The bill allows for penalties of \$50 per day with a maximum of \$500 per renewal application. Charles County indicates the bill should not have a material impact on revenues.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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