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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
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House Bill 482

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Prince George's County - Class B-DD Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Woodmore  
Towne Centre at Glenarden PG 314-07**

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This bill authorizes the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class B-DD (development district) 7-day beer, wine and liquor license for on-sale consumption.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2007.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Prince George's County revenues could increase by \$13,800 in FY 2008 and by \$11,000 annually beginning in FY 2009. County expenditures would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful for restaurants that are able to obtain Class B-DD liquor licenses in specified areas.

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**Analysis**

**Bill Summary:** The Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners is authorized to issue a Class B-DD (development district) 7-day beer, wine and liquor license to a restaurant for on-sale consumption. The restaurant must have average daily receipts from the sale of food equal to at least 51% of the total daily receipts, and be located in the Woodmore Towne Center at Glenarden, located northeast of the

intersection of the Capital Beltway and Route 202. The board of license commissioners is required to determine the number of, and persons to whom, Class B-DD licenses are to be issued, and the number of licenses each recipient may hold. A Class B-DD license may not be issued to any restaurant in the Woodmore Town Centre at Glenarden if, at the time of issuance, there are five restaurants operating with a Class B-DD license in that area; or the applicant for the Class B-DD holds two Class B-DD licenses for restaurants operating in that area.

A Class B-DD license may be transferred from one license holder to another only if it is to be used at the same location. A license holder may hold a Class B-DD license in addition to other licenses under specified circumstances. Furthermore, a business owner may have an interest in more than one Class B-DD license if the restaurant is within a development district.

**Current Law:** Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners may issue B-RD (redevelopment district) liquor licenses to restaurants in specified areas that are defined in State law as being underserved by restaurants. These areas include parts of the Largo area, Port Towns business district, and Suitland business district.

**Background:** No businesses currently hold a Class B-RD (revitalization district) liquor license. Prince George's County indicates that this bill would allow some chain restaurants that already hold the maximum allowed number of B licenses in Prince George's County to open additional locations should they be issued a Class B-DD license. The Woodmore Towne Centre at Glenarden is a new retail center currently under construction.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Prince George's County estimates that this bill will result in four applications for Class B-DD licenses. Each application will result in a one-time application fee of \$700. Each approved license will provide annual revenues of \$2,750. Accordingly, Prince George's County revenues could increase by \$13,800 in fiscal 2008 and \$11,000 annually beginning in fiscal 2009. This estimate is based on the issuance of four licenses in fiscal 2008. Monitoring of the additional licenses could be handled with existing resources.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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