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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1021 Economic Matters (Prince George's County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Theme Park License PG 319-08

This bill establishes a Class B (TP) seven-day beer, wine, and liquor theme park license in Prince George's County for use only at a theme park in Mitchellville. The license provides for on-premises consumption only and is exempted from existing restrictions on alcoholic beverages licenses being granted for use within a certain proximity to churches or schools. The applicant for the license must submit an application that includes the theme park's policies for the sponsorship of special events held when the theme park is closed to the public and alcoholic beverages are sold. The bill requires the board to adopt regulations relating to the license. The annual license fee is \$3,900.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2008.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County revenues would increase by \$600 annually. Any additional responsibilities for the Board of License Commissioners could be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: There is no Class B (TP) beer, wine, and liquor license in Prince George's County. The Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners advises that the Six Flags America theme park in Mitchellville currently holds a Class B beer, wine, and liquor catering license. The board advises the license proposed under this bill would be more appropriate for the function of the theme park.

Local Fiscal Effect: Prince George's County revenues would increase by \$600 annually due to the difference in the annual fee of the current license held by the Six Flags America theme park and the proposed license fee under this bill. The Class B beer, wine, and liquor license currently held by the theme park has an annual fee of \$3,300.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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