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House Bill 1023
Economic Matters

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - License Transfers - Gas Stations
PG 311-08

This bill prohibits the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners from approving the transfer of an alcoholic beverages license held for use at a business establishment with a commercial fuel pump used by the public to another person for use at the same or a different business establishment. The bill allows for the approval of a single transfer of a license if the transferor holds the license on July 1, 2008 and the transfer is made on or before July 1, 2010.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2008.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Prince George's County finances would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: The Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners may not issue any class of alcoholic beverages license to a business establishment with a commercial fuel pump located on the premises if the pump is used by the general public for the purchase of fuel.

Small Business Effect: The bill could have an impact on existing businesses that have a retail gas pump on premises and are licensed to sell alcoholic beverages. Should a sale of one of these properties occur that does not meet the exception specified in the bill, the prohibition from transferring the license to a new owner could potentially affect the sale price.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: HB 498 of 2007, a similar bill, received a hearing in the House Economic Matters Committee but no further action was taken.

Cross File: None.

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