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House Bill 1225
Economic Matters

(Montgomery County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental
Affairs

Montgomery County - Alcoholic Beverages - Licenses Held by Revenue
Authority for Public Golf Courses
MC 807-08

This bill authorizes the Executive Director of the Montgomery County Revenue Authority (or designee) to hold more than one Class H beer (on-sale) or Class H beer and light wine (on-sale) license for the limited use of public golf courses that are under the jurisdiction of the revenue authority. The license must be signed by the revenue authority's executive director (or designee). The bill requires the designation of an individual from each golf course who represents the concessionaire and is involved with the management of the sale of beer or light wine at the golf course to complete training in an appropriate alcohol awareness program.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2008.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Montgomery County finances and operations would not be materially affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: There is no exception provided for the Montgomery County Revenue Authority to the general requirement that an individual can only hold one license. However, the director and deputy director of the Montgomery County Parks Department of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission have this authority for golf courses under the commission's jurisdiction.

Background: According to Montgomery County, the revenue authority has nine different names on their alcoholic beverages licenses, one for each of its golf courses. This proposal would allow all licenses to be signed by the executive director (or designee).

According to the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Division of the Comptroller's Office, there were 19 alcohol awareness programs and 421 alcohol awareness instructors approved in fiscal 2007.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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