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House Bill 1536 (Cecil County Delegation)
Economic Matters

Cecil County - Alcoholic Beverages - Light Wine License Fees

This bill establishes a \$1,000 fee for the issuance of any class of light wine license in Cecil County.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2008.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Cecil County revenues could increase by \$1,000 in FY 2009 due to the anticipated issuance of one light wine license. Expenditures would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Cecil County Board of License Commissioners may not issue more than one license for every 400 registered voters in Cecil County, as determined by the current registration of voters. A Class C license may not be included in this computation. This quota must be computed and applied separately for each election district of in the county.

The board is required to publish notice of each license application in one newspaper of general circulation for two successive weeks, and to hold a public hearing on the date stated in the notice. The board is required to consider the general reputation and

character of the applicant, the manner of conducting and operating the business presently being licensed and the public necessity for the license for which application is made. The premises for which the application is made must be inspected prior to approval of the application.

The new license fee is • \$1,000 for any new beer license; • \$2,000 for any class of beer and wine license; and • \$3,000 for any class of beer, wine and liquor license.

The fee is \$1,000 for a license transfer from • one class of beer license to any other class of beer license • from any class of beer and wine license to any other class of beer and wine license or • from any class of beer, wine and liquor license to any other class of beer, wine and liquor license.

The fee is \$2,000 fee for a license transfer from • any class of either beer license or beer and wine license to the same class of beer, wine and liquor license or • one class of beer license to any other class of beer and wine license.

The fee is \$3,000 for a license transfer from any class of either beer license or beer and wine license to any other class of beer, wine and liquor license. All transfer fees are in addition to the regular fee.

Local Fiscal Effect: Cecil County advises that it is aware of only one person who would seek the new license established by this bill. Future year revenues could increase to the extent that additional licenses are issued.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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