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**Prince George's County - Class B-DD Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Woodmore
Towne Centre at Glenarden
PG 325-08**

This bill authorizes the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners to issue up to four additional Class B-DD (development district) 7-day beer, wine, and liquor licenses for on-sale consumption within a specified development district in the Woodmore Towne Centre at Glenarden.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2008.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County revenues could increase by \$13,800 in FY 2009 and by \$11,000 annually beginning in FY 2010. County expenditures would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: In Prince George's County, there is a Class B-DD (development district) 7-day beer, wine, and liquor license permitting on-sale consumption at licensed restaurants in the development district of the Capital Plaza Commercial Area. This area

consists of commercial properties bounded by the Baltimore-Washington Parkway on the west and northwest, Maryland Route 450 on the south, and Cooper Lane on the east and northeast.

The board of license commissioners may issue up to four Class B-DD licenses. These licenses may only be issued to restaurants that satisfy certain eligibility criteria, including limitations as to the percentage of business receipts from food as compared with alcoholic beverages, and as to the number of stores that may be owned by a single entity. The annual license fee for this license is \$2,750.

Local Fiscal Effect: Based on high demand anticipated for Class B-DD licenses in the Glenarden area, Legislative Services advises that it is likely all four new Class B-DD licenses would be applied for. Assuming the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners does not exercise its discretion to withhold the issuance of any of the four new licenses, county revenues would increase by \$13,800 in fiscal 2009 and \$11,000 annually beginning in fiscal 2010. This estimate reflects the costs of a one-time application fee of \$700 and an annual license fee of \$2,750. Monitoring of the additional licenses could be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: The limited issuance of Class B-DD licenses could have a significant benefit for those businesses that are issued the license and give them a competitive advantage over other businesses that are unable to obtain one.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: HB 482 of 2007, a similar bill, passed in the House, and had a hearing in the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee but no further action was taken.

Cross File: None.

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