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House Bill 1029
Economic Matters

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Licenses for Specialty Stores
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This bill authorizes the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class A beer and light wine license to specialty food stores, provided that the store does not use more than 15% of its floor space for the display or sale of beer and wine. The license may only be issued to a specialty food store that is less than 25,000 or more than 100,000 square feet in size; or a specialty store less than 50,000 square feet in size that sells food, beer, wine, clothing, furniture, or other general merchandise.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2008.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County revenues could increase by \$700 annually beginning in FY 2009. Expenditures would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In Prince George's County, the board of license commissioners may issue a Class A beer and light wine license for off-premises consumption. Class A licenses may not be transferred to chain stores, supermarkets, or discount houses. The annual license fee for this license is \$220.

Local Revenues: The Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners advises that this bill would likely affect three specialty stores, resulting in a \$660 increase in license fees. If other stores are granted Class A beer and light wine licenses in future years, revenues would increase by \$220 for each additional licensee.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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