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Senate Bill 490 (Senator Rosapepe)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Licenses for Specialty Stores

This bill authorizes the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners to issue one Class A (off-sale) beer and light wine license to a store meeting specified requirements that is located in the City of Laurel's designated BRAC Zone or in a development approved as part of Redevelopment Area 1 (RO 1) of the City of Laurel, as outlined in the city's adopted master plan. The license may only be issued to a specialty food store that has between 15,000 and 25,000 square feet of floor space; or a specialty store that sells food, beer, wine, clothing, furniture, or other general merchandise and that does not exceed 50,000 square feet of floor space.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2009.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County revenues may increase by \$920 in FY 2010 due to the application fee and license fee revenues. County revenues increase by \$220 each year thereafter from license renewal fees.

Small Business Effect: Potentially significant impact for the business issued the license authorized by the bill.

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: Prince George's County charges alcoholic beverages license applicants a \$700 application fee. If the one license authorized by the bill is granted in fiscal 2010, county revenues will increase by \$920 due to the application and license fees. County revenues will increase by \$220 annually beginning in fiscal 2011 from the license renewal fee paid by the license holder.

Additional Information

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Cross File: None.

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