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House Bill 731

(Howard County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Baltimore County and Howard County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses -
Application Requirements - Citizenship Status**
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This bill repeals the provision that exempts applicants for alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore and Howard counties from including certain information on their application. The bill specifies that in Baltimore and Howard counties, an applicant for a new alcoholic beverages license must include a statement of whether the applicant is a natural-born citizen or a naturalized citizen. If the applicant is not a natural-born citizen or a naturalized citizen, information or documentation as required by the board of license commissioners to show proof of alien status must be included. The board of license commissioners in either county may obtain information from the Social Security Administration and the Department of Homeland Security to verify the applicant's citizenship or alien status.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2009.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill will not materially impact Baltimore or Howard counties operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Applications for new alcoholic beverages licenses are made to the board of license commissioners and sworn to by the applicant. Generally, every applicant must provide specified information, including: (1) the class of license desired; (2) the name and residence of the applicant and how long the applicant has resided at that address; (3) a statement that the applicant is a citizen of the United States; (4) a statement that the applicant meets specified residency requirements; and (5) the place of birth of the applicant, and if a naturalized citizen, when and where the applicant was naturalized. In Baltimore and Howard counties, applicants for alcoholic beverages licenses are not required to include place of birth or citizenship information on their applications.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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