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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
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Economic Matters

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Prince George's County - 3-Day Beer, Wine and Liquor License**  
**PG 312-09**

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This emergency bill authorizes the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners to issue a special three-day Class C beer, wine, and liquor license to a nonprofit organization that is tax-exempt under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. A holder of a special license is authorized to sell beer, wine, and liquor for consumption on or off premises at the National Harbor.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Potential minimal increase in Prince George's County license fee revenues. County expenditures are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Bill Summary:** The board may not issue the license to any organization for more than three consecutive days in a single calendar year. A licensee must only purchase beer, wine, or liquor from a wholesaler licensed in the State. A wholesaler licensed in the State may donate alcoholic beverages to the licensee.

**Current Law:** A special Class C beer, wine, and liquor license entitles the license holder to exercise any of the privileges conferred by this class of license for the use of any person holding a bona fide entertainment conducted by a club, society, or association

at the place described for a period of up to seven days. In general, a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license is for consumption on the premises only. The fee is \$150 per day. In Prince George's County, a club, society, or association holding a casino or gambling event is also eligible for this license.

Prince George's County requires that the signer of an alcoholic beverages license be a resident and taxpayer of the county, not a specific district.

**Background:** National Harbor is a 300-acre development located along the Potomac River in Prince George's County. The complex includes hotels, a convention center, restaurants, shops, and condominiums. The Food & Wine Festival at National Harbor is scheduled to take place on June 6-7, 2009.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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