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Economic Matters

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Prince George's County - Special Beer Festival License
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This bill authorizes the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners to issue a special beer festival license. The license entitles the holder to display and sell at retail beer for consumption on or off the premises on the days and for the hours designated for the special beer festival in Prince George's County. The license may be in effect for a period not to exceed three consecutive days, and the license fee is \$15 per day.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2009.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential minimal increase in Prince George's County revenues from license fees, depending on the number of licenses issued and the number of days for which the licenses are issued. Expenditures are not affected.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful impact for participants in the special beer festival in Prince George's County.

Analysis

Bill Summary: To be eligible for the license, a license holder must also possess a Class 5 brewery license, a Class 6 pub-brewery license, or a Class 7 micro-brewery license. Licensees are not restricted from holding an alcoholic beverages license of a different

class or nature than the prerequisite licenses. A manufacturer that participates in the special beer festival in Prince George's County must have a special beer festival license.

The Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners must approve a nonlicensed premises in the county as the location for the special beer festival and ensure that the primary focus of the festival is the promotion of Maryland beer. The board may adopt regulations pertaining to the festival and may designate the number of times per year that a special beer festival license is issued.

Current Law: Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, and Wicomico counties are currently authorized to issue special beer festival licenses.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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