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Economic Matters

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class A Light Wine Licenses
PG 311-09

This bill authorizes the issuance of a Class A light wine license in Prince George's County.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2009.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County finances will not be directly affected since there are no Class 4 manufacturer's license holders in the county at this time.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful. The bill could encourage the establishment of wineries in Prince George's County.

Analysis

Current Law: Twenty counties are authorized to issue a Class A light wine license. Only three counties (Allegany, Charles, and Prince George's) are not authorized to issue this type of license.

Background: A Class A light wine license may be issued to a holder of a Class 4 manufacturer's license. The annual fee for a Class A light wine license is generally \$50, although some counties have enacted different fees. A holder of a Class A light wine license is authorized to keep for sale and sell light wines produced at

the winery in any quantity, and to any consumer at retail, at the place described in the license. The light wine must be delivered in a sealed package or container which may not be opened or the contents consumed on the licensed premises.

Local Fiscal Effect: There is no fiscal impact in fiscal 2010 since there are currently no Class 4 manufacturer's license holders in Prince George's County. Should the county grant a Class A license in the future, revenues would increase by \$50 due to the accompanying annual license fee.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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