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Senate Bill 434 (Senator Astle)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Yacht Club License

This bill alters requirements for a special Class C (yacht club) alcoholic beverages license in Anne Arundel County. The bill reduces, from 75 to 50, the minimum number of slips or berths that must be maintained by a yacht club to qualify for a license. The bill also reduces, from five to one, the acres of ground that must be maintained in order to qualify for a license.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2009.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Anne Arundel County revenues increase by \$7,500 annually beginning in FY 2010. County expenditures are not affected.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful for any new licensee.

Analysis

Current Law: Upon approval of the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners, a special Class C (yacht club) license may be issued to any yacht club in the county:

- which has 50 or more bona fide members who pay dues of not less than \$75 per year per member; and

- which maintains at the time of application for the license: (1) a clubhouse with a seating capacity sufficient to accommodate at one time at least 100 persons; (2) slips or berths for 75 boats or more; and (3) at least five acres of ground.

The license allows the holder to keep for sale and sell at retail any alcoholic beverages, to any member or guest when accompanied by a member at the place described in the license. The license has an annual license fee of \$1,500 and provides for on-premises consumption only.

Local Fiscal Effect: Anne Arundel County estimates that five additional yacht clubs will apply for a license. Accordingly, local revenues increase by \$7,500 annually beginning in fiscal 2010.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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