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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

House Bill 1497  
Economic Matters

(Prince George's County Delegation)

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**Prince George's County - Laurel Commons - Alcoholic Beverages - Additional  
Class B Licenses  
PG 330-09**

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This bill authorizes the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners to allow an individual, partnership, corporation, unincorporated association, or limited liability company to hold or have an interest in more than one Class B beer, wine, and liquor license if the license is sought for a restaurant located in the Laurel Commons area within specified geographic boundaries.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2009.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Potential minimal increase in Prince George's County revenues from license and application fees for additional licenses issued pursuant to the bill. Expenditures are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful impact on restaurants issued additional licenses under the bill.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** In general, a person, partnership, limited partnership, corporation, unincorporated association, limited liability company, or other combination of persons (natural or otherwise) may not have an interest in more than one license authorizing the

retail or wholesale sale of alcoholic beverages in Prince George's County. The Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners is allowed to make an exception for specific areas of the county underserved by restaurants. The exception does not apply to a restaurant located within a chain store, supermarket, discount house, drug store, or convenience store.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** The increase in Prince George's County revenues as a result of the bill will depend on the number of additional licenses issued. However, for each new license obtained, a licensee will likely pay a \$2,750 license fee, \$770 Sunday sales fee, and a \$700 one-time application fee, resulting in revenue increases of \$4,220 per new license in the first year of the license and \$3,520 for each year thereafter.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 886 (Senator Rosapepe) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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