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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1049  
Economic Matters

(Prince George's County Delegation)

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Prince George's County - 47th Alcoholic Beverages District - Class A (Off-Sale)  
Licensees - Minimum Container Size for Chilled Beer  
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This bill prohibits a holder of a Class A beer license; beer and light wine license; or beer, wine, and liquor license from selling chilled beer in an individual container with a capacity of less than one gallon in the 47<sup>th</sup> alcoholic beverages district of Prince George's County.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. The bill does not materially affect State alcohol tax revenues.

**Local Effect:** None. Enforcement activities can be handled with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful impact for small businesses in the 47<sup>th</sup> alcoholic beverages district that can no longer sell certain products due to the bill's restrictions.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** There are no restrictions exclusively on the sale of chilled beer in any district in Prince George's County.

**Background:** According to the *State of Maryland Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Annual Report*, approximately 13.4 million gallons of beer were delivered to Prince George's County in fiscal 2008.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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