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House Bill 570

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Extinguishment of Licenses
PG 306-10

This bill authorizes a person to obtain a Class A alcoholic beverages license of any kind in Prince George's County for the purpose of having the county board of license commissioners declare it extinguished. The person must inform the board of the purpose of the acquisition, and within 10 days must surrender the license to the board along with evidence to satisfy the board that all taxes or obligations to wholesalers or other persons have been paid. A license extinguished in this manner may not be replaced by the board and counts toward the statutory limits on alcoholic beverages licenses in Prince George's County. A person who obtains a license for the purpose of extinguishing it may not exercise the privileges of the license or further transfer or sell the license. The bill authorizes the board to impose a penalty of up to \$1,000 for a violation of the bill.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2010.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential minimal decrease in license fee revenues in Prince George's County due to extinguished licenses that cannot be replaced, but would still be counted toward the county's statutory quota on licenses. The exact number of licenses that may be transferred and subsequently extinguished under the bill cannot be reliably determined at this time, but is expected to be minimal.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal impact to businesses that may have to wait longer for an alcoholic beverages license due to fewer licenses becoming available in the county.

Analysis

Current Law: The number of licenses of each class of alcoholic beverages license in Prince George's County may not exceed specified statutory limits. Typically, when a license expires for revocation, cessation of business, or nonrenewal, the license is eligible to be issued to another business, so long as the new assignment does not violate statutory limits.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: HB 1027 of 2009 was withdrawn.

Cross File: None.

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