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Senate Bill 151

(Senators Pinsky and Harrington)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class B-AE (Arts and Entertainment) License

This bill authorizes the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class B-AE (arts and entertainment) beer, wine, and liquor license. The annual license fee is set at \$2,750. The license may be issued only to an establishment in the county's approved arts and entertainment district for consumption of alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises. The board may issue up to five Class B-AE licenses; however, a person may not hold more than two licenses. The board is required to adopt regulations to carry out these provisions, including regulations specifying hours and days of sale.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County revenues from alcoholic beverages license fees increase by \$13,750 assuming all five licenses are issued. Enforcement activities can be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: While some alcoholic beverages licenses in Prince George's County permit entertainment – such as for charitable organizations, country inns, and convention centers – the license authorized under the bill does not now exist in Prince George's County.

A special Class C beer, wine, and liquor license applies to entertainment conducted by a club, society, or association and held for a period of up to seven consecutive days. The fee for this license is \$15 per day. In Prince George's County the fee is \$150 per day. The board of license commissioners may deny an application for this license if it is determined that the applicant does not otherwise qualify for the license under current law.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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