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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 182 (Senator Exum)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

**Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Drive-Through Purchase
Facilities**

This bill prohibits the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners from issuing any new alcoholic beverages license of any class for use in a drive-through purchase facility in which alcoholic beverages are to be sold at retail and dispensed through a window or door to a purchaser in or on a motor vehicle.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2010, and applies only prospectively to licenses issued after the effective date.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. This bill will not impact drive-through facilities that already hold an alcoholic beverages license. Future license fee revenues in Prince George's County will not be affected because license fees for establishments with drive-through windows are the same for establishments without these facilities.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal impact on businesses with drive-through windows that were hoping to obtain an alcoholic beverages license in the future.

Analysis

Current Law: There is no law in Prince George's County permitting or prohibiting the board of license commissioners from transferring or issuing an alcoholic beverages license for use at a drive-through purchase facility.

Background: Other counties, including Cecil, Frederick, and Harford, prohibit the transfer of certain alcoholic beverages licenses for use at a drive-through purchase facility. The Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners indicates that there are currently 41 drive-through purchase facilities in the county that hold an alcoholic beverages license.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: SB 344 of 2009 and SB 130 of 2008 passed the Senate, received a hearing in the House Economic Matters Committee, and had no further action taken on either bill.

Cross File: None.

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