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House Bill 574
Economic Matters

(Prince George's County Delegation)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Prince George's County - National Harbor - Alcoholic Beverages - Restriction on
License Holder
PG 308-10**

This bill prohibits the issuance of a special three-day Class C beer, wine, and liquor license at the National Harbor to any one organization for two consecutive years.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2010.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. It is assumed that there is sufficient demand for the license that the bill's restriction will not result in reduced license fee revenue in Prince George's County.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 705 of 2009 authorized the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners to issue a special three-day Class C beer, wine, and liquor license to a nonprofit organization that is exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The special license entitles the holder to sell beer, wine, or liquor on or off premises at the National Harbor. The fee for a special license is \$150 per day.

The special license may not be issued to any one organization for more than three consecutive days in a single calendar year. A holder of the special license must

purchase beer, wine, or liquor only from a wholesaler licensed in the State. A wholesaler licensed in the State may donate alcoholic beverages to the holder of the special license.

Background: National Harbor is a 300-acre development located along the Potomac River in Prince George's County. The complex includes hotels, a convention center, restaurants, shops, and condominiums. The Food & Wine Festival at National Harbor is scheduled to take place on June 12-13, 2010.

Local Fiscal Effect: Prince George's County advises that the bill is not likely to have a fiscal impact on the county due to sufficient demand for the license.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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