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Senate Bill 904

(Senator Dyson)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class A Off-Sale License Quota

This bill requires the St. Mary's County Board of License Commissioners to issue no more than one Class A alcoholic beverages license with an off-sale privilege for each unit of 1,350 people in each election district in the county. The license quota must be maintained using the population figures of the most recent St. Mary's County Planning Commission Annual Report. The bill also prohibits the transfer of licenses between election districts unless the transfer can be made without exceeding the license quota.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2010, and applies only prospectively.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential minimal revenue decrease in St. Mary's County. Expenditures are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Background: There are currently 43 Class A licenses with an off-sale privilege in St. Mary's County. According to the Maryland Department of Planning, the population of St. Mary's County totaled 101,578 as of July 2008.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: HB of 1272 of 2009, received a favorable with amendments report from the House Economic Matters Committee, but was recommitted.

Cross File: None.

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