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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 1313 (Delegate Myers)
Economic Matters

Alcoholic Beverages - Class A Licensees - Closing Hours

This bill establishes a closing time of 11 p.m. for all Class A (off-sale) alcoholic beverages licensees in the State by altering existing hours of sale.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2011.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Potential minimal reduction in alcoholic beverage tax revenues due to the restricted hours of sale.

Local Effect: None. Enforcement can be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful. Class A license holders may lose revenue due to the more restrictive hours of sale. The revenue loss may be partially offset by a reduction in salary costs and other operating expenditures.

Analysis

Current Law: There is no uniform closing time for Class A alcoholic beverages licensees in the State. Closing times vary by county, class of license, and day of the week. Class A alcoholic beverages licenses are retail licenses for off-site consumption. According to the Comptroller's Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Annual Report, there were 1,516 Class A licenses issued in fiscal 2010.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Charles, Frederick, St. Mary's, and Worcester counties, Comptroller's Office, Department of Legislative Services

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