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House Bill 1097
Economic Matters

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Prince George's County - Single Bottles of Beer or Wine - Size Prohibition
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This bill prohibits a Class A beer; a Class A beer and light wine; or a Class A beer, wine, and liquor licensee in Prince George's County from selling single bottles of beer or wine in bottles that are at least 10 ounces but not more than 12 ounces in size.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2011.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Enforcement will be handled with the existing budgeted resources of the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: A prohibition against selling single bottles of beer or wine in bottles that are at least 10 ounces but not more than 12 ounces in size does not exist in statute.

Background: According to the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Annual Report for fiscal 2010, 142 Class A alcoholic beverage retail licenses have been issued in Prince George's County. These licenses include 4 Class A beer licenses; 7 Class A beer and light wine licenses; and 131 beer, wine, and liquor licenses.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Two bills addressing similar issues in Prince George's County were introduced in 2009. HB 954 and HB 1049 received hearings in the House Economic Matters Committee, but were subsequently withdrawn.

Cross File: None.

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