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Senate Bill 1040

(Senators Brinkley and Young)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Frederick County - Middletown Wine Festival License

This bill establishes a special Middletown Wine Festival (MWF) alcoholic beverages license in Frederick County.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2012.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Frederick County revenues will increase minimally from the license fees generated from up to two Middletown Wine Festival events per year. Enforcement activities can be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The Frederick County Board of License Commissioners may issue a special MWF alcoholic beverages license to a holder of a Class 3 winery license or a Class 4 limited winery license. The special MWF license fee is \$20. The MWF license allows a holder to display and sell at retail, within the municipal boundaries of Middletown, wine for consumption on or off the premises on the days and hours designated for the Middletown Wine Festival.

A holder of a special MWF license is not prohibited from holding another alcoholic beverages license of a different class or nature. Additionally, the Burgess and

Commissioners of Middletown must choose the days and locations of the Middletown Wine Festival, but may not hold more than two 1-day festivals each year.

Current Law: The Frederick County Board of License Commissioners is authorized to issue a Class A, B, or C beer license within the municipal boundaries of Middletown. A Class B beer, wine, and liquor license is available only to establishments in this district that derive at least 70% of gross monthly revenue from the sale of food.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 1368 (Delegate Schulz) - Economic Matters.

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