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House Bill 142
(Delegate Beitzel)
Economic Matters

Garrett County - Alcoholic Beverages - Follow-Up Criminal History Records Checks

This bill requires the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository (CJIS) of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services to provide the Garrett County Board of License Commissioners with a revised printed criminal record statement of an alcoholic beverages license applicant or license holder if information is reported to CJIS after the initial criminal history records check is completed. Additionally, CJIS is required to stop providing the board with revised statements if the board informs CJIS that an individual is no longer an alcoholic beverages license applicant or license holder.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2012.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. CJIS provides this information to authorized entities as a part of its regular operations.

Local Effect: None. The bill will not affect Garrett County finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners may obtain criminal records of any alcoholic beverages license applicant from CJIS and from other law enforcement agencies. The board may require an applicant to be fingerprinted and forward these fingerprints to CJIS for transmittal to the Federal Bureau of Investigation

for a national criminal records check, and the board may set a fee to cover the cost of obtaining fingerprints and State and national criminal records.

The criminal records obtained must be kept in a sealed envelope accessible to only board members and their clerks, and the records must be destroyed on completion of their necessary use.

Background: Garrett County Board of License Commissioners has 80 active alcoholic beverages licensees.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 255 (Senator Edwards) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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