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(Cecil County Delegation)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Cecil County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class 6 Pub-Brewery Licenses

This bill adds Cecil County to the list of jurisdictions in which the holder of a Class 6 pub-brewery license may sell malt beverages for off-premises consumption under certain conditions.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2012.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill will have no effect on Cecil County revenues, as there are currently no pub-breweries located within the county.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: A Class 6 pub-brewery license is issued by the Comptroller to a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) license. The license may be issued throughout the State, except in five counties (Allegany, Caroline, Howard, St. Mary's, and Somerset). The holder of a Class 6 pub-brewery license may brew malt beverages, up to 2,000 barrels per calendar year, at a single location for consumption on the restaurant premises. The premises of the pub-brewery must be located immediately adjacent to the restaurant where the brewed beverage is to be sold to the public.

In 11 jurisdictions (Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Charles, Harford, Prince George's, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester counties; Baltimore City; and the City of Annapolis), the holder of a Class 6 pub-brewery license may sell malt beverages for off-premises consumption in sealed refillable containers. The license fee is \$500 per license year.

Background: There is currently only 1 Class 6 pub-brewery license in the State. It is located in Annapolis, Maryland.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: Although not identified as a cross file, SB 389 (Cecil County Senators – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) is identical.

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