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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 1024 (Senator Astle)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Multiple Licenses

This bill increases, from 30 to 60, the maximum number of additional Class H alcoholic beverages licenses authorized in Anne Arundel County.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Anne Arundel County revenues will increase by \$360 for each additional Class H beer and light wine license issued, and by \$960 for each additional, Class H beer, wine, and liquor license issued. Under one set of assumptions, Anne Arundel County revenues could increase by \$9,600 annually beginning in FY 2013. Enforcement activities can be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: A Class H license authorizes the licensee to keep for sale and sell beer and light wine (for a beer and light wine license) or all alcoholic beverages (for a beer, wine, and liquor license) at retail at any hotel or restaurant for consumption on the premises.

In general, in Anne Arundel County, a person, franchisor, franchisee, chain store operation, partnership, firm or corporation, except by way of renewal, may not have any interest in more than one license, except where specified by law.

If a licensee has either a Class B license prohibiting off-sales (issued as of June 1, 2002), a Class H license, or a Class BLX (deluxe restaurant) license, they may be issued a second license provided it is either a Class H or Class BLX license. For a licensee to be granted a second license, one of the licenses must be located within specified areas of the county. The Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners can currently issue no more than 30 additional Class H licenses. The annual fee for a Class H beer and light wine license is \$360; and the annual fee for a Class H beer, wine, and liquor license is \$960.

Local Fiscal Effect: Anne Arundel County revenues will increase by \$360 for each additional Class H beer and light wine license issued, and by \$960 for each additional Class H beer, wine, and liquor license issued. Anne Arundel County anticipates that 10 additional Class H beer, wine, and liquor licenses will be issued in fiscal 2013. Based on this scenario, Anne Arundel County revenues could increase by \$9,600 annually. Enforcement activities can be handled with existing resources.

Additional Information

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Cross File: None.

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