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Senate Bill 585 (Senator Edwards)

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Garrett County - Alcoholic Beverages - Special Class C Beer, Wine and Liquor License

This bill authorizes the holder of a special Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in Garrett County to purchase beer and light wine from a wholesale dealer.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2012.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect Garrett County finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A special Class C beer, wine, and liquor license entitles the holder to sell alcohol during a bona fide entertainment conducted by a club, society, or association at the place described for a period not exceeding seven consecutive days.

In Garrett County, there are four types of special Class C beer; beer and wine; or beer, wine, and liquor licenses that can be issued by the Garrett County Board of License Commissioners:

- (1) A special 2-day Class C license for a fee of \$50;

- (2) A special 6-day Class C license for a fee of \$150;
- (3) A special 12-day Class C license for a fee of \$300; or
- (4) A special multiple event Class C license.

A special multiple event Class C license may be issued to an organization that otherwise qualifies for a special Class C license. No more than one special multiple event license can be issued to an organization in a license year, the licensee must notify the board in writing at least seven days before the event, and the board must publish a notice for application for the special multiple event license at least seven days before the hearing on the license. The annual fee for a special multiple event license is as follows:

- \$125 for up to 5 events per year;
- \$250 for up to 12 events per year;
- \$375 for up to 18 events per year; and
- \$500 for up to 24 events per year.

Background: There were nine special Class C beer, wine, and liquor licenses issued in Garrett County in 2011. Additionally, Garrett County issued 12 multiple event special Class C licenses in 2011 which entitled the licensee to hold up to 5 or 12 events in the license year.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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