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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 56

(Delegate Eckardt, *et al.*)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Dorchester County - Alcoholic Beverages - Hours for Sale

This bill expands the hours for sale of alcoholic beverages on Sundays in Dorchester County by enabling a Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license to begin sales at 10 a.m. instead of at noon.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2012.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Dorchester County can monitor licenses with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal increase in revenue from the sale of alcoholic beverages due to the two-hour expansion in Sunday hours for sale for holders of Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor licenses in Dorchester County.

Analysis

Current Law: The sale of alcoholic beverages on Sundays at Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor licensed locations in Dorchester County begins at noon and extends through 12 midnight unless Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve falls on a Sunday. If Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve falls on a Sunday the sale of alcoholic beverages begins at noon and extends through 2:00 a.m. the following day.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 103 (Senator Colburn) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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