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House Bill 1296
Economic Matters

(St. Mary's County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Golf Course License

This bill authorizes the St. Mary's County Alcohol Beverage Board to issue a special Class M-G beer, wine, and liquor license for use at a municipal golf course located on land owned by St. Mary's County and operated by a St. Mary's County golf course manager or under a management agreement with the county.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2012.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill will not have an overall affect on St. Mary's County finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Bill Summary: Under the bill, the Class M-G license may be issued to the golf course manager. The annual license fee is set at \$600, and the license may be used to sell beer, wine, and liquor for consumption only on the land and in the facilities used for golfing purposes.

The licensee may designate an agent to sell beer, wine, and liquor at the golf course. The agent must be considered the vendor for collecting and remitting the sales and use tax. Upon the request of the county, the alcohol beverage board may transfer such a license to a different golf course manager. The alcohol beverage board is required to adopt regulations to carry out the bill's provisions.

Background: The Wicomico Shores Golf Course in Mechanicsville is an 18-hole municipal golf course, owned and operated by St. Mary's County. It currently holds a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license with an annual license fee of \$650, which is paid by the county government to the alcohol beverage board.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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