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House Bill 57

(Delegate Eckardt, *et al.*)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Dorchester County - Sailwinds of Cambridge, Inc. - Service of Alcohol -
Wristbands**

This bill authorizes Sailwinds of Cambridge, Inc. to obtain, renew, and be subject to the provisions of a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license previously authorized to Sailwinds Park, Inc. in Dorchester County. Additionally, the bill authorizes Sailwinds of Cambridge, Inc. to distribute wristbands to each individual 21 years and older who attends an event open to the public at the park where alcoholic beverages will be served. At events where wristbands are distributed, an individual who is not wearing a wristband may not be served an alcoholic beverage.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2012.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Monitoring and any enforcement actions in Dorchester County can be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Sailwinds Park, Inc. can obtain a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license at a cost of \$1,000 per year. The license may be obtained and renewed so long as no individual or group of individuals derive any personal profits from the operation of Sailwinds Park.

Background: In 2005, Sailwinds Park, Inc. split into two organizations: Sailwinds Park, Inc., and Sailwinds of Cambridge, Inc. After the split, the responsibilities of Sailwinds Park, Inc. became primarily limited to the maintenance of the playground located at the eastern end of Sailwinds Park. Sailwinds of Cambridge, Inc. began overseeing Governor's Hall, a 14,000 square foot festival hall set on three and a half acres of park grounds which holds public events, including those that serve alcoholic beverages as covered in the bill.

Sailwinds of Cambridge, Inc. does presently distribute wristbands to individuals 21 years and older at events open to the public where alcoholic beverages are served, at their discretion. Sailwinds of Cambridge, Inc. held approximately 10 such events in 2011. Sailwinds Park is located on the Choptank River in Cambridge, Maryland.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 104 (Senator Colburn) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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