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House Bill 248
Economic Matters

(Harford County Delegation, *et al.*)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Class C-3 Club License

This bill eliminates a requirement in Harford County for a country club to maintain tennis courts to be eligible for a Class C-3 club alcoholic beverages license.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2012.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Harford County license fee revenues increase by \$1,400 annually, with a potential minimal revenue increase from additional special events licenses being issued to a Class C-3 club licensee.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: In Harford County, a Class C-3 license may be issued only to a miscellaneous organization or club. The annual fee for a 6-day, Monday through Saturday, (on-sale) Class C-3 license is \$1,300, while the annual fee for a 7-day Class C-3 license is \$1,400.

The term “miscellaneous organization or club” means a country club, a yacht or boat club, or topiary garden. “Country club” means a club or organization that:

- may be operated for profit or not for profit;

- has 75 or more bona fide members each of whom pays at least \$50 per year; and
- maintains at the time of the application for the license and continues to maintain a regular or championship golf course of 9 holes or more, or, instead of the golf course, a swimming pool at least 20 by 40 feet in size, and at least 6 tennis courts.

Local Fiscal Effect: Harford County indicates that the bill would generate at least one new 7-day Class C-3 license resulting in A \$1,400 annual increase in license fee revenues. In addition, a Class C-3 licensee may also purchase a Class C-3 special events license to hold public events as follows:

<u>Events Per Year</u>	<u>Fee Amount</u>
10	\$150
20	\$300
30	\$450
40	\$600

Currently, the county has only one licensed establishment utilizing the Class C-3 special events license, which generates \$600 in licensing fees.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 66 (Senator Glassman, *et al.*) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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