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Economic Matters

(Prince George's County Delegation)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Alcoholic Beverages - City of College Park - Sales by License Holders Near School Buildings
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This bill authorizes an alcoholic beverages license to be granted in the City of College Park to an establishment that is located within a commercial district and is located more than 400 feet from a school building.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill has no direct effect on Prince George's County finances. However, if one additional restaurant is able to open in the City of College Park, one-time license application fee revenue of \$700 and annual license fee revenue of \$1,500 will accrue to the county.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: In Prince George's County, with certain exceptions, an alcoholic beverages license may not be granted to sell alcoholic beverages in any building located within 1,000 feet of a school building or within 500 feet of a place of worship. The distance must be measured from the front door or main entrance, whichever is nearest the street abutting the premises of the proposed licensed establishment along the nearest usual pedestrian route to the door closest to the licensed premises which is used as an entrance or exit to any school, or to the main entrance of the place of worship.

This restriction does not apply in the case of a church if the governing body of the church concerned consents in writing to the granting of the license. The consent must be filed with the application. The license of any person or persons or for the use of a corporation or unincorporated association issued for any building located within the requisite distance from a church or school building may be renewed or extended for the same building.

The restriction does not apply to any transfer or assignment of a license located within the distance of 1,000 feet to another place of business within the specified distance and/or to an assignee of the license within the distance of the same church or school building.

The restriction does not apply to the issuance of a license for a place of business, not having an alcoholic beverage license, to which an alcoholic beverage license had been issued and was in force and effect on June 1, 1965, as to a license of the same class which was in force and effect as of that date, applied for in the place of business nor to a renewal of a license of any establishment where, subsequent to the original granting of the license a school or church building was erected within 1,000 feet.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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