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House Bill 701
Economic Matters

(Delegate Barkley)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Alcoholic Beverages - Repeal of Obsolete Provisions of Law

This bill repeals specified obsolete provisions of the State alcoholic beverages law, including (1) the repeal of a requirement that the Comptroller prescribe specified maximum discounts that may be allowed by manufacturers, wholesalers, or nonresident winery permit holders; (2) the repeal of a requirement that the Comptroller require the filing of specified schedules of prices; (3) the repeal of a requirement that specified persons in Baltimore City be certified by an approved alcohol awareness program; and (4) the repeal of specified bonding requirements in Garrett County.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2013.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The bill does not materially affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Comptroller is authorized and directed, by regulation, to prescribe the maximum discounts which may be allowed by any manufacturer, wholesaler, or nonresident winery permit holder in the sale and distribution of various quantities of wines and liquors.

Generally, the Comptroller is authorized and directed, by regulation, to require the filing, from time to time, by any manufacturer, wholesaler, nonresident dealer, resident dealer, or nonresident winery permit holder of schedules of prices at which wines and liquors are sold by such manufacturer, wholesaler, nonresident dealer, resident dealer, or nonresident winery permit holder and further to require the filing of any proposed price change.

In Baltimore City, any bottle club owner or a person who is employed in a supervisory capacity designated by the owner must be certified by an approved alcohol awareness program and must be present during the hours in which alcohol is served or consumed.

In Garrett County no retail license which has been refused, suspended, or revoked after July 1, 1971, must be granted until the applicant has have executed a bond to the State in the penal sum of \$1,000, with two sufficient sureties to be approved by the Liquor Control Board of Garrett County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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