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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 645
Economic Matters

(Montgomery County Delegation)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Montgomery County - Sale of Alcoholic Beverages - Distance from Schools, Places
of Worship, or Youth Centers
MC 16-13

This bill authorizes the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to approve, by majority vote rather than unanimous action, the application for a license to sell alcoholic beverages more than 300 feet away from schools, places of worship, or certain youth centers.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2013.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The bill is procedural in nature and does not directly affect local governmental finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners may not issue any license to sell alcoholic beverages within 750 feet of any secondary or elementary school, church or other place of worship, or youth center sponsored or conducted by any governmental agency.

The board has the discretion to, by unanimous action, approve the application for any license to sell alcoholic beverages more than 300 feet from such entities if the land upon which the building is situated, and in which the licensee would operate, is classified in a commercial or industrial zone under the applicable zoning ordinance and is adjacent or contiguous to other land which is similarly classified under the zoning ordinance.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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