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Senate Bill 129

(Senators Glassman and Jacobs)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class H-CC (Corporate Club/Conference Center) License

This emergency bill authorizes the Harford County Liquor Control Board to issue a Class H-CC (corporate club/conference center) beer, wine, and liquor license to establishments that have a banquet room, conference center, or specified meeting room; and a corporate dining room.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Harford County revenues increase by up to \$18,000 annually beginning in FY 2013. Issuing and monitoring the licenses can be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal increase in revenues for small business establishments that obtain a Class H-CC beer, wine, and liquor license.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The Harford County Liquor Control Board may issue a Class H-CC beer, wine, and liquor license to an establishment with:

- a banquet room, conference center, or meeting room that is suitable for public gatherings and equipped to prepare food; and
- a corporate dining room that is equipped to sell food, only used by at least 25 private club members who pay an annual membership fee and their guests, and used solely for the benefit of the club.

A Class H-CC license allows the holder to keep for sale and sell beer, wine, and liquor during an event contracted with another person in the following places:

- a banquet room, conference center, meeting room, or corporate dining room;
- other areas of the licensed establishment if approved by the liquor control board;
or
- an event off the licensed establishment if the event is in Harford County and the licensee contracts to provide food at the event.

The licensee may hold multiple events in the licensed establishment simultaneously. The annual license fee is \$3,000 and no more than six Class H-CC licenses may be in effect at a time. The licensee may only hold one self-sponsored event per year in the banquet, conference, or meeting room.

Current Law: There is no Class H-CC (corporate club/conference center) license in Harford County. The Harford County Liquor Control Board issues numerous types of alcoholic beverages licenses with annual license fees ranging from \$15 to \$10,000.

Local Fiscal Effect: License fees increase \$3,000 annually for each Class H-CC license issued. Assuming all six licenses are in effect at a time, Harford County revenues will increase by \$18,000 annually.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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