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Senate Bill 496

(Calvert County Senators)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Calvert County - Alcoholic Beverages - Organizational Licenses

This bill authorizes the Calvert County Board of License Commissioners to issue an organizational license to a fraternal organization, volunteer fire department, or volunteer rescue squad for use on the premises that the organization, fire department, or rescue squad owns or regularly uses to hold functions. A licensee may sell beer, wine, and liquor by the drink for consumption on the licensed premises only. The annual license fee is \$500.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2014.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The bill codifies existing practice.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Class C club beer, wine, and liquor licenses generally authorize various clubs (including veterans' clubs; fraternal organizations; interest groups; and athletic, social, or cultural organizations) to keep for sale and to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the licensed premises. In Calvert County, there are four Class C club licenses that the county board may issue: (1) bona fide yacht clubs; (2) country clubs; (3) bona fide post homes of posts of the American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars;

and (4) continuing care retirement communities. The annual license fee is generally \$500; however, for country clubs, the fee is \$1,000.

Additionally, various clubs may obtain a special, temporary license. A special Class C beer, wine, and liquor license entitles the holder to sell alcohol during a bona fide entertainment conducted by a club, society, or association at the place described for a period not exceeding seven consecutive days. In Calvert County the fee for this license is \$25 per day, except that for any bona fide religious, fraternal, civic, war veterans', hospital, or charitable organization, the fee for the license is \$15.

Local Fiscal Effect: According to Calvert County, the Calvert County Board of License Commissioners has issued two organizational licenses, although the board does not currently have the authority to do so. Since the board already issues these organizational licenses and charges an annual fee of \$500, there is no fiscal effect on Calvert County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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