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Senate Bill 548

(Calvert County Senators)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Calvert County - Alcoholic Beverages - Special Event (Festival) Beer, Wine and
Liquor Permit

This bill authorizes the Calvert County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Special Event (festival) beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) permit to a Class B or Class D license holder. The applicant must demonstrate a reasonable expectation of attracting at least 750 patrons to the special event and commit to provide additional security personnel at the event for traffic, parking, and patrol purposes, if required by the board. Subject to the board's discretion, the permit authorizes the holder to operate additional bars or service counters for the sale and service of alcoholic beverages inside or outside the licensed establishment for between one and three consecutive days. The permit fee is \$100, and the board may adopt regulations to implement the bill.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2014.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Minimal increase in local revenues from additional permit fees (\$100 for each permit issued). Calvert County can monitor permits with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal overall, but potential meaningful for any qualifying licensee obtaining the additional permit and having sales in excess of the permit fee.

Analysis

Current Law: A Special Event (festival) permit does not exist in Calvert County.

A special Class C beer, wine, and liquor license entitles the holder to sell alcoholic beverages 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 Revenues: There are 116 alcoholic beverages licenses in Calvert County, of which 59 are Class B licenses and 8 are Class D licenses. Accordingly, 67 licensees qualify to apply for a Special Event (festival) beer, wine, and liquor permit. The number of qualified licensees which seek and obtain the additional permit is unknown, but Calvert County estimates the board may issue up to four permits under the bill. *For purposes of illustration*, if four qualified licensees seek the Special Event permit and pay the \$100 permit fee (in addition to their current license fee), Calvert County revenues increase by \$400.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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