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Senate Bill 339

(Calvert County Senators)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Calvert County - Alcoholic Beverages - License Applications

This bill exempts alcoholic beverages license applicants in Calvert County from the requirement to have a certificate signed by at least 10 specified citizens stating that the applicant and the premises are suitable for the license.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2014.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The change is procedural in nature and does not directly affect Calvert County finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal. The bill reduces the administrative burden for small businesses that are applying for an alcoholic beverages license in Calvert County.

Analysis

Current Law: Generally, every new application for a license must be made to the Board of License Commissioners on forms prescribed by the Comptroller and sworn to by the applicant. The application must contain the class of license desired, the name and residence of the applicant and how long the applicant has resided at that address, and a statement that the applicant is a U.S. citizen, along with other specified information and statements. Except for in Dorchester, Prince George's, Montgomery, Anne Arundel, and Baltimore counties, alcoholic beverages license applicants must have a certificate signed by at least 10 citizens who own real estate and are registered voters of the precinct where

the business is to be conducted, stating that the applicant and the premises are suitable for the license. Additionally, the Calvert County Board of License Commissioners must obtain criminal records of alcoholic beverages license applicants from the Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services, require applicants to be fingerprinted, and forward the fingerprints to the Federal Bureau of Investigation for a national criminal history records check.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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