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Senate Bill 313

(Senator Ramirez)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

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Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Underage Individuals at Special  
Entertainment Events in the 47th Legislative District

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This bill authorizes a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license holder in the 47<sup>th</sup> legislative district in Prince George's County that obtains a special entertainment permit to allow an individual who is 18 years of age or older to be present on the licensed premises when the privileges authorized by the special entertainment permit are being exercised.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2015.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. Enforcement can be handled with the existing budgeted resources of Prince George's County.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal or none.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners is authorized to issue a special entertainment permit to the holder of any Class B (on-sale) license. The board must determine the number of days in a week that the permit holder may exercise the privileges of the permit. The annual permit fee is \$1,500, which is in addition to the annual fee for the Class B license. The permit authorizes a holder, after 9 p.m. and until 2 a.m., to impose a cover charge, offer facilities for patron dancing, and provide entertainment.

A permit holder may not allow an individual younger than age 21 on the premises covered by the permit unless the individual is employed by or is an immediate family member of the permit holder.

Chapter 613 of 2011 requires an entertainment permit holder to meet all applicable county law requirements and clarified that a prohibition applicable to underage persons being allowed on the premises applies during the time the entertainment permit privileges are in use.

Chapter 666 of 2013 authorized a Class BH license holder that obtains a special entertainment permit to allow an individual younger than age 21 to be present on the licensed premises while alcoholic beverages are being served during the following events: anniversary party, baby shower, baptism reception, Bar Mitzvah, Bat Mitzvah, beautillion, birthday party, book signing, church event, confirmation reception, corporate reception, cotillion, engagement party, faith-based event, family reunion, family themed theatrical, graduation party, performance, political event, retirement party, rites-of-passage event, scholarship award ceremony, school event, tea party, wedding, wedding reception, and any family oriented event defined in regulations adopted by the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

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