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Senate Bill 423 (Senator Rosapepe)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Alcoholic Beverages - Towne Centre at Laurel - Class A License

This bill increases, from 142 to 143, the maximum number of Class A beer, wine, and liquor licenses that may be issued by the Board of License Commissioners in Prince George's County. The bill also allows the board to convert one authorized Class B-DD (Development District) license to be a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license to an establishment within the Towne Centre at Laurel.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2015.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County alcoholic beverages license fee revenues decrease by \$2,115 annually beginning in FY 2016. Expenditures are not affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal. However, it is assumed that a Prince George's County business converting to a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license from its current Class B-DD benefits from a decrease in annual license fees paid to the county.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill also clarifies that, if the board converts one authorized Class B-DD (Development District) license to a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license under the bill, the board may not issue more than a total of five Class B-DD licenses to restaurants located within the Towne Centre at Laurel.

Current Law: A maximum of 142 Class A beer, wine, and liquor licenses may be issued in Prince George's County. The Board of License Commissioners may issue up to six Class B-DD licenses to restaurants located within the Towne Centre at Laurel.

The annual fee for a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license is \$910. The annual license fee for a Class B-DD license is \$3,025.

Local Revenues: Assuming that one Class B-DD license in Prince George's County is converted to a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license, annual alcoholic beverages license fee revenues in the county decrease by \$2,115.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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