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House Bill 1051
Economic Matters

(Harford County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Community College License

This bill establishes a Class CC (community college) beer and wine license in Harford County and authorizes the Harford County Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to officers of a community college for use on enclosed parts of the campus that are (1) owned by the community college and (2) used and equipped to promote or host events. The license holder is authorized to sell beer and wine, at retail, for on-premises consumption to individuals who attend an event that is open to the public and to members of a club, society, or association and their guests who attend an event that is held for that group. The license holder may sell beer and wine at events held on campus on a maximum of 25 days per year. The license holder *may not* sell beer or wine at a student sporting event or an event sponsored by students. The annual fee is \$1,500.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2016.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Harford County revenues increase by \$2,000 in the first year and by \$1,500 annually thereafter, reflecting a \$500 application fee and the \$1,500 annual license fee. Harford County can monitor the new license with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The license holder may not allow an individual to carry alcoholic beverages onto or from the licensed premises, except for a wholesaler conducting business. After the event is over, the license holder may not allow alcoholic beverages to be consumed on the licensed premises from midnight to noon the following day.

Current Law: In Harford County, there is a Class C per diem (temporary) beer and wine license for use by a person holding an entertainment event that is conducted by a club. The term of the license cannot exceed seven consecutive days. The license permits a holder to enter into an agreement with a wholesaler to deliver beer and wine beginning two days before the start of the license and permits the wholesaler to accept returns for up to two days after the license expires. The wholesaler may only deliver the beer and wine prior to the event if the license holder has already received the license.

Background: In fiscal 2015, there were 191 alcoholic beverages licenses issued for use in Harford County.

Local Revenues: Harford County revenues increase by \$2,000 in the first year and \$1,500 annually thereafter to issue a license to the Harford Community College.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None designated; however, SB 916 (Harford County Senators – Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs) is identical.

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