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House Bill 994

(Allegany County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Allegany County - Alcoholic Beverages - Sunday Sales for Class A Licenses

This bill authorizes a holder of a Class A beer license; a Class A beer and light wine (BW) license; or a Class A beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license in Allegany County to sell alcoholic beverages consistent with the license classification on Sundays from 11 a.m. to midnight after paying an additional \$250 fee. The bill also authorizes the Allegany County Board of License Commissioners to issue a 2-day Sunday sales permit to a holder of a Class A beer license, a Class A BW license, or a Class A BWL license under specified circumstances. The 2-day Sunday sales permit authorizes the holder to sell alcoholic beverages consistent with their license classification for off-premises consumption on up to two Sundays a year from 11 a.m. to midnight.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2016.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Allegany County revenues increase by \$250 for every Sunday sales permit issued and by \$50 per use for every 2-day Sunday sales permit issued. Licenses can be monitored with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal overall, but potential meaningful impact on licensees who are able to open on Sundays.

Analysis

Current Law: In Allegany County, Class A alcoholic beverages license holders are prohibited from selling alcoholic beverages on Sunday.

Background: In fiscal 2015, 157 alcoholic beverages licenses were issued in Allegany County, including 9 Class A BW licenses and 1 Class A BWL license. There were no Class A beer licenses issued in Allegany County in fiscal 2015.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 736 (Senator Edwards) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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