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Senate Bill 736

(Senator Edwards)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

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

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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.

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**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.

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## 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.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 994 (Allegany County Delegation) - Economic Matters.

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