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Senate Bill 492

(Washington County Senators)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Washington County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class CT (Cinema/Theater License)

This bill expands the days on which a Class CT (cinema/theater) license holder in Washington County may exercise the privileges of the license from one day per week (Thursday) to Monday through Saturday, as well as Sunday if the license holder is issued a separate Sunday permit. The annual Sunday permit fee is \$250. The bill clarifies that the cinema or theater structure applicable to the Class CT (cinema/theater) license must be a stand-alone building. The bill also removes the previous October 1, 2017 termination date for provisions establishing the Class CT (cinema/theater) license.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2017.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Washington County license revenues increase annually beginning in FY 2018 by \$250. The Washington County Board of License Commissioners can handle enforcement with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapters 586 and 587 of 2016 authorized the Washington County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class CT (cinema/theater) (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license in Washington County. The license is authorized for use in a cinema or theater that is in a building primarily designed to show movies to the public, has a capacity

to hold at least 100 permanent seats, and has a minimum of six movie theater rooms. The annual license fee is \$1,000. The Acts established a termination date of October 1, 2017, for the provisions.

Local Revenues: Washington County advises that the bill applies to one cinema/theater. Assuming that the establishment obtains the Sunday sales permit, local license fee revenue would increase by \$250 annually beginning in fiscal 2018.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 1430 (Delegate B. Wilson) - Economic Matters.

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