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House Bill 1423
Economic Matters

(Calvert County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Calvert County - Board of License Commissioners - Notice and Hearing on
Proposed Legislation

This bill requires the Calvert County Board of License Commissioners, at least three months before submitting a legislative proposal to the Calvert County Delegation for introduction as a bill in a General Assembly session, to (1) post notice of the legislative proposal on the board's website; (2) send an email notice of the proposal to each license holder in the county; and (3) hold a public hearing on the proposal in the county. The bill's requirements do not apply to a legislative proposal submitted to the county delegation for introduction as an emergency bill.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2017.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Calvert County can carry out the bill's provisions with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: No similar requirement exists for a county to post notice of proposed legislation on the board's website, notify licensees of the proposal by email, or hold a public hearing on proposed legislation.

A copy of any legislative enactment concerning alcoholic beverages by a local governing body must be sent to the Department of Legislative Services.

An emergency bill is a bill that takes effect immediately upon the Governor's approval. An emergency bill must pass by a three-fifths majority vote in each chamber.

Background: Generally, boards of license commissioners submit their lists of proposed legislation to their respective county delegation, and the delegation meets during the General Assembly session to discuss the proposed legislation. In fiscal 2016, 120 alcoholic beverages licenses were issued for use in Calvert County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: HB 75 of 2015, a similar bill, passed the House and received a hearing in the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, but no further action was taken on the bill.

Cross File: None.

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