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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

Senate Bill 513 (Senator Muse)  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Sunday Off-Sale Permit - Repeal**

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This bill repeals the Sunday off-sale permit currently available to specified Class A and Class B beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license holders in Prince George's County.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Prince George's County revenues decrease annually by \$242,600 beginning in FY 2018. Expenditures are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Significant. The bill would negatively affect the Sunday retail sales of small businesses holding Sunday off-sale permits.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Generally, Sunday off-sale permits can be issued in Prince George's County to Class A or Class B BWL license holders with off-sale privileges. The permit authorizes the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption off the licensed premises on Sunday from 8 a.m. to midnight. An applicant for a special Sunday off-sale permit must commit to reinvesting a minimum of \$50,000 in the business within one year after the permit is issued. The board may waive the reinvestment requirement, but the board must revoke the permit if the requirement is not waived and the reinvestment is not made. No more than 105 special Sunday off-sale permits may be in effect at any one time. The board may not issue a special Sunday off-sale permit to specified license holders that have violated specified restrictions on selling liquor on Sunday. Class A BWL license holders may sell alcoholic beverages on December 24 and December 31 even if those dates fall on a Sunday.

The annual license fee for a Sunday off-sales permit is \$2,590 for a holder of a Class A BWL license and \$1,080 for a holder of a Class B BWL license. The one-time application fee is \$750 for each license.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Prince George's County advises that there are currently 103 Sunday off-sale permits active in the county, 87 of which are held by Class A BWL license holders, and 16 are held by Class B BWL license holders. Accordingly, county revenues decrease by \$242,600 annually beginning in fiscal 2018 due to the repeal of the Sunday off-sale permit.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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