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Senate Bill 743 (Senator Zirkin)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Baltimore County - Alcoholic Beverages - Sunday Sales

This bill removes specified restrictions on the sale of alcoholic beverages on Sunday in Baltimore County, and generally authorizes specified license holders to sell alcoholic beverages during the same hours each day of the week.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially impact Baltimore County finances or operations. Any additional inspections can likely be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal overall, but potential meaningful impact for licensees able to remain open on Sundays and realize additional sales.

Analysis

Bill Summary/Current Law: The current and proposed hours of sale for specified establishments in Baltimore County are show in **Exhibit 1**.

Exhibit 1
Current and Proposed Hours of Sale for Specified Licenses in Baltimore County

License Type	Current Hours	Proposed Hours
Manufacturer's License	6 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Saturday	6 a.m. to midnight Monday through Sunday
Wholesaler's License	6 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Saturday	6 a.m. to midnight Monday through Sunday
Class A BW	6 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Saturday; Sunday sales permitted on specified days, under specified circumstances, generally from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.	6 a.m. to midnight Monday through Sunday
Class A BWL	6 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Saturday; Sunday sales permitted on specified days, under specified circumstances, generally from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.	6 a.m. to midnight Monday through Sunday
Class B BW, for off-premises consumption	6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day Monday through Saturday; Sunday sales permitted on specified days, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.	6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day Monday through Sunday
Class B BWL, for off-premises consumption	6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day Monday through Saturday; Sunday sales permitted on specified days, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.	6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day Monday through Sunday
Class D BW	6 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Saturday	6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day Monday through Sunday
Class D BW, for off-premises consumption	6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day Monday through Saturday; Sunday sales permitted on specified days, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.	6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day Monday through Sunday
Class D BWL, for off-premises consumption	6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day Monday through Saturday; Sunday sales permitted on specified days, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.	6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day Monday through Sunday

Source: Department of Legislative Services

Background: In fiscal 2016, 769 alcoholic beverages licenses were issued for use in Baltimore County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Baltimore County; Department of Legislative Services

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