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House Bill 178

(Frederick County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Sunday Hours of Sale

This bill alters the starting time for Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages for specified license holders in Frederick County from 11 a.m. to 10 a.m.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2017.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Frederick County can handle the bill's requirements with existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal. Sales revenue could increase to the extent that the earlier opening time extends operating hours for establishments that choose to take advantage of the change.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill alters the starting time for Sunday sales of alcoholic beverages from 11 a.m. to 10 a.m. for the following licenses and permits in Frederick County:

- Class A beer licenses;
- Class A beer special Sunday opening (off-sale) permits;
- Class B beer licenses;
- Class C beer (on-sale) licenses;

- Class A beer and wine licenses;
- Class A beer and wine special Sunday opening (off-sale) permits;
- Class B beer and wine licenses;
- Class C beer and wine licenses;
- Class A beer, wine, and liquor special Sunday opening (off-sale) permits;
- Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses;
- Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses in the Ballenger 23rd election district; and
- Class C beer, wine, and liquor licenses.

Current Law: In Frederick County, consuming alcoholic beverages in a licensed premises is generally prohibited between the hours of 2 a.m. and 6 a.m. on any day. Sunday sales hours for each of the licenses and permits covered under the bill are from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day. The Frederick County Board of License Commissioners may set different hours of sale for a specific event that the board has approved.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 198 (Senators Young and Hough) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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