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Economic Matters

(Baltimore County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Baltimore County - Alcoholic Beverages - Interest in Multiple Licenses

This bill clarifies that the prohibition against a person having an interest in more than one alcoholic beverages license issued by the Baltimore County Board of License Commissioners does not apply to a license issued for a hotel. The bill also adds a cross reference to provisions related to the maximum number of interests in Class B licenses a person may obtain. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The bill codifies existing practice.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Generally, in Baltimore County, a person may not have an interest in more than one license issued by the board. The prohibition does not apply to a license issued for a place operated as a motel or motor court that has at least 100 rooms.

Class B Licenses

The board may allow a person to obtain a direct or indirect interest in (1) not more than 12 Class B (on-sale – hotels and restaurants) beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) licenses, or (2) if one of the restaurants is located in the Liberty Road Commercial Revitalization, not

more than 13 Class B (on-sale – hotels and restaurants) BWL licenses. Each restaurant must meet specified criteria.

Background: In fiscal 2017, 781 alcoholic beverages licenses were issued for use in Baltimore County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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