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House Bill 506

(Frederick County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Arena License

This bill establishes a Class B-A (arena) beer and wine license in Frederick County. The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer and wine by the drink on the campus of an institution of higher education from one or more outlets that the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners approves and for on-premises consumption at sporting and nonsporting events held at the institution. The board must adopt regulations concerning the manner of dispensing beer and wine, the hours and days of sale, and the annual license fee. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Frederick County revenues increase minimally from additional license fees, as discussed below. Frederick County can implement the bill with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Frederick County Board of License Commissioners is authorized to issue several types of licenses for specific organizations and venues including dinner theaters, barbershops, hotel lobbies, conference centers, and stadiums.

Local Revenues: The bill requires the board to set the annual license fee for the arena beer and wine license. Frederick County advises that there are three institutions of higher education in the county (Mount St. Mary's College, Hood College, and

Frederick Community College) that would be eligible for the arena beer and wine license. Frederick County revenues increase minimally to the extent that new licenses are issued.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 220 (Senators Young and Hough) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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