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Senate Bill 447

(Senators Young and Hough)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Wine Privilege – Cheese and Deli Shops

This bill establishes a cheese and deli shop wine privilege for Class A beer and wine license holders in Frederick County. The annual fee for the privilege is \$100. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Frederick County revenues increase minimally from additional privilege fees. Frederick County can handle enforcement with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The board is authorized to issue a Class A beer and wine license with a cheese and deli shop wine privilege for use in an establishment that has average daily receipts from the sale of cheese, meats, sandwiches, and other products normally associated with delis that are at least 50% of the total average daily receipts of the establishment.

The cheese and deli shop wine privilege authorizes a license holder to provide up to five ounces of wine by the glass for on-premises consumption by a customer while (1) purchasing items at the cheese and deli shop or (2) attending a fund-raising event at the cheese and deli shop for which a permit has been issued, if required. The privilege authorizes a licensee to sell wine during normal business hours, but not later than 9 p.m.

An individual who serves beer or wine must complete specified alcohol awareness training.

Current Law: In Maryland, alcoholic beverages licenses are granted by each jurisdiction's board of license commissioners to permit the sale and consumption of alcohol at specified places such as restaurants, taverns, hotels, clubs, or places of public entertainment. Other types of establishments cannot normally acquire a license but may be granted eligibility to apply.

In Frederick County, specific licenses have been issued for an art gallery, banquet facility, barbershop, beauty salon, and a dinner theater among other venues.

Alcohol Awareness Training: Generally, for a premises that is licensed to sell alcoholic beverages with off-sale privileges, or a premises that is licensed with on-sale privileges and sells alcoholic beverages directly to a customer from a bar or service bar, the license holder or specified employees must complete training in an approved alcohol awareness program in order to obtain and retain their alcoholic beverages license. The training program must be approved and certified by the Comptroller, and it must provide information on how alcohol affects a person's body and behavior, the dangers of drinking and driving, refusing service before a customer becomes intoxicated, and determining if a customer is old enough to legally consume alcohol. The training is valid for four years.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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