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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

House Bill 298

(Dorchester County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Dorchester County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class C Per Diem Licenses - Catering Club Events**

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This bill specifies that a holder of a Class C per diem beer license, a Class C per diem beer and wine (BW) license, or a Class C per diem beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license may only cater an event *conducted by a club*. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. The bill clarifies current law.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** Statewide, a Class C per diem beer, BW, or BWL license entitles the holder to exercise any of the privileges conferred by the respective class of license for the use of a person holding an entertainment event that is *conducted by a club*.

In Dorchester County, a holder of a Class C per diem alcoholic beverages license may cater an event at the place described in the license on the effective days of the license. At an event, a holder must distribute a wristband to each individual who is at least 21 years old, and may not serve an alcoholic beverage to any individual who does not wear the wristband. The fee for a Class C per diem beer or BW license is \$15 per day. The fee for a Class C per diem BWL license is \$25 per day.

**Background:** In fiscal 2017, 91 alcoholic beverages licenses were issued for use in Dorchester County.

## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

## **Cross File: SB 140 (Senator Eckardt) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.**

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

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