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House Bill 1258 (Delegate Patterson)
Economic Matters

Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Class D License – Transfer

This bill authorizes the Charles County Board of License Commissioners to revoke or deny the renewal of a Class D (on- and off-sale) license of an establishment if the establishment had on-premises sales greater than 50% of total sales for the two years preceding a transfer application, and the annual on-premises sales of the transferee do not total at least 80% of total sales *after* the transfer. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially impact Charles County finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful negative impact for a small business license holder that does not meet the bill's requirements and loses their Class D license.

Analysis

Current Law: Statute does not require a transferee to meet a different on-premises sales percentage than the previous license holder.

Background: In fiscal 2017, 176 alcoholic beverages licenses were issued for use in Charles County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 884 (Senator Middleton) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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