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Senate Bill 928 (Carroll County Senators)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Carroll County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class D Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

This bill authorizes the Carroll County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class D beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license to a holder of a manufacturer's license. The license holder is authorized to sell any beer, wine, or liquor for on-premises consumption and only beer, wine, or liquor that is manufactured on the premises for off-premises consumption. The license may not be issued to a drug store. The annual license fee is \$500. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2019.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Carroll County revenues increase minimally due to additional license fees. Any additional enforcement activity can be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Class D BWL licenses may not be issued in Carroll County. Commonly, such licenses are issued for use in a bar or tavern, and a license may not be issued for any drug store.

Manufacturer's licenses are issued by the Comptroller. There are currently nine classes of manufacturer's licenses that may be issued for use in the State. They are: (1) Class 1 distillery licenses; (2) Class 9 limited distillery licenses; (3) Class 2 rectifying licenses; (4) Class 3 winery licenses; (5) Class 4 limited winery licenses; (6) Class 5 brewery

licenses; (7) Class 6 pub-brewery licenses; (8) Class 7 micro-brewery licenses; and (9) Class 8 farm brewery licenses.

Background: In fiscal 2018, 157 alcoholic beverages licenses were issued for use in Carroll County. Carroll County advises there is 1 Class 5 brewery license in the county.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 1337 (Delegate Shoemaker) - Rules and Executive Nominations.

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