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House Bill 330
Economic Matters

(Anne Arundel County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Petition of Support

This emergency bill repeals the petition of support requirement in Anne Arundel County for alcoholic beverages license applications.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect Anne Arundel County finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law/Background:

Petitions of Support for Alcoholic Beverages License Applications

Generally, an application to a local licensing board in the State for an alcoholic beverages license must include a petition of support signed by at least 10 residents who own real estate in and are registered voters of the precinct in which the potential licensed establishment is located. The petition of support must state:

- the length of time a signer has been acquainted with the applicant;
- that a signer has examined the application, believes that the statements made in the application are true, and judges that the applicant is a suitable candidate for licensure; and
- that a signer is familiar with the premises of the proposed licensed establishment and finds the premises suitable for the retail sale of alcoholic beverages.

In fiscal 2019, there were 553 alcoholic beverages licenses issued in Anne Arundel County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: SB 57 (Senator Simonaire, *et al.*) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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