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House Bill 972

(Harford County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class C-3 License

This bill alters, in Harford County, specified membership qualifications for a social organization that may be issued a certain 6-day or 7-day Class C-3 beer, wine, and liquor license by the Harford County Board of License Commissioners. The membership requirement now pertains to active or retired first responders rather than policemen. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A social organization that may be issued a 6-day or 7-day Class C-3 beer, wine, and liquor license in Harford County has certain membership requirements. Currently, the membership must consist of at least 51% of (1) active members of the armed forces of the United States; (2) veterans of the armed forces of the United States; (3) active or retired policemen; and (4) the spouses and children of the eligible members under these groups of people.

Background: In fiscal 2019, there were 201 alcoholic beverages licenses issued in Harford County, including 26 Class C beer, wine, and liquor licenses.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: SB 379 (Harford County Senators) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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