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House Bill 463

(Delegate Arentz, *et al.*)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Queen Anne's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Financial Interest

This bill defines “financial interest” as it applies to applications for alcoholic beverages licenses in Queen Anne’s County as an applicant who is the owner of a controlling interest in a place of business for which a license has been applied for or issued. “Controlling interest” is the ownership or control of sufficient shares or interest in a business to allow for an exercise of control over that business. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect Queen Anne’s County finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: An application for an alcoholic beverages license in Queen Anne’s County must state whether the applicant has a financial interest in the business to be conducted under the license, and requires other disclosures of financial interest, as specified.

An applicant for an alcoholic beverages license in Queen Anne’s County must also include a statement in the application that the applicant is at least 21 years old and submit an affidavit verifying the application.

Background: In fiscal 2019, there were 91 alcoholic beverages licenses issued in Queen Anne's County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Queen Anne's County; Comptroller's Office; Department of Legislative Services

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