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House Bill 24

(Dorchester County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Dorchester County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class C Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

This bill clarifies that the Dorchester County Board of License Commissioners, not the Dorchester County Council, is authorized to issue a Class C beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license. The bill also authorizes the board to issue a Class C BWL license to a nonprofit operating at a specified address known as Governors Hall at Sailwinds Park. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect Dorchester County finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: The Dorchester County Council sits as the Dorchester County Board of License Commissioners. The board may issue a Class C BWL license to (1) yacht clubs and country and golf clubs; (2) local units of nationwide veterans' organizations; and (3) nonprofits and national fraternal organizations meeting specified criteria. The board may also issue a Class C BWL license to the nonprofit organization Sailwinds of Cambridge, so long as an individual or group of individuals do not derive personal profits from the operation of the organization. The annual license fee for a Class C BWL license is \$1,000.

In fiscal 2019, there were nine Class C BWL licenses issued in Dorchester County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: SB 100 (Senator Eckardt) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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