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House Bill 104 (Delegate Impallaria, *et al.*)
Economic Matters

Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Business Records

This bill requires the Harford County Board of License Commissioners to give a license holder at least five days' notice of the board's intent to carry out an examination of the license holder's business records and make an appointment with the license holder. A license holder may keep business records in an electronic format that the board approves and at a location away from the licensed premises. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In Harford County, a holder of a license with an on-sale privilege must (1) keep complete and accurate books of account of daily receipts and expenditures in the form that the board requires and (2) procure vouchers or purchase slips for all alcoholic beverages, food, and other items bought for sale.

An on-sale license holder must keep the required records open to inspection by the board or a designee of the board.

If a required report or an investigation by the board, a board officer, or any other person indicates that a holder of license with an on-sale privilege is in violation of the relevant

title, the board must summon the license holder and conduct a hearing. If the charges at the hearing are sustained, the board must revoke the license holder's license immediately.

Background: In fiscal 2019, there were 201 alcoholic beverages licenses issued in Harford County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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

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