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Economic Matters

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Distance Restrictions
PG 304-21

This bill exempts Class C licensed establishments in Prince George's County from specified distance restrictions from school buildings or places of worship. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2021.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County revenues increase minimally from licensing fees, as discussed below. Prince George's County can likely handle enforcement activities with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: In Maryland, Class C licenses generally authorize clubs and other organizations to sell or provide alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption. In Prince George's County, the board is authorized to issue various Class C licenses for use by nonprofit fraternal, sororal, and service organizations; veterans' organizations and clubs; country clubs; golf clubs; and yacht clubs.

A Class C beer license authorizes the license holder to sell beer for on-premises consumption, and a Class C beer and light wine license authorizes the license holder to sell beer and light wine for on-premises consumption. The annual license fee for a Class C beer and a Class C beer and light wine license is \$245.

A Class C beer, wine, and liquor license may be issued to a veteran's organization or club, or a yacht club for on-premises consumption of beer, wine, or liquor. The annual license fee is \$910 for a veteran's organization and \$1,575 for a yacht club.

Local Fiscal Effect: The annual license fee for a Class C license ranges between \$245 and \$1,575 in Prince George's County. The board advises that approximately two organizations may apply for licensure under the bill. Depending on the type of Class C license required, revenues increase between \$490 and \$3,150 annually, beginning fiscal 2022.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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