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Senate Bill 792

(Senator Young)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Alcohol by Volume – Wine

This bill increases, from 21% to 22%, the maximum percentage of alcohol by volume for wine that Class 3 wineries and Class 4 limited wineries holding a Class A wine license in Frederick County may sell, as specified. The bill also increases, from 14.5% to 22%, the maximum percentage of alcohol by volume for alcoholic beverages that a restaurant holding a Class B beer, wine, and liquor hotel or restaurant license in Frederick County may sell, as specified. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2021.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: A Class A wine license may be issued to a holder of a Class 3 winery license or a Class 4 limited winery license in Frederick County. The license authorizes the license holder to sell at retail at the place described in the license wine produced at the winery that contains up to 21% of alcohol by volume.

A Class B beer, wine, and liquor hotel or restaurant license may be issued to a hotel or restaurant in Frederick County, as specified. For a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license

that is issued to a restaurant, the license holder is authorized to sell alcoholic beverages with an alcoholic content up to 14.5% for off-premises consumption.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: HB 1272 (Frederick County Delegation) - Economic Matters.

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