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House Bill 555

(Delegate Long)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Baltimore County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class D Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

This bill authorizes the Baltimore County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class D beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license for use by a drugstore. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2021.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Baltimore County revenues increase to the extent Class D BWL licenses are issued to drugstores under the bill. Baltimore County can monitor licenses issued under the bill with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal overall but potential meaningful impact for small business drugstores that obtain a Class D license to sell alcoholic beverages under the bill.

Analysis

Current Law: A Class D BWL license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on- and off-premises consumption. The annual license fee is \$1,500 and the license may not be issued for use by a drugstore.

Local Revenues: Baltimore County revenues increase to the extent Class D BWL licenses are issued to drugstores under the bill. The annual license fee is \$1,500.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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