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House Bill 1155
Economic Matters

(Howard County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Delivery Ho. Co. 01–21

This bill authorizes the holder of a Class A license or an employee of the license holder to deliver alcoholic beverages within Howard County. An employee making a delivery must be at least 18 years old. The deliverer and recipient must both sign a form indicating that (1) the recipient claimed to be 21 years old and presented documentation to that effect; (2) the recipient knows it is a criminal offense for alcoholic beverages to be given to an individual under 21 years old; and (3) the deliverer examined the recipient’s identification. A delivery may not be made unless the purchaser or another individual at least 21 years old designated by the purchaser is physically present to receive the beverages at place and time of delivery and pays for the purchase at the time of the order. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2021.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Howard County finances and operations are not materially affected.

Small Business Effect: Meaningful. Small businesses with a Class A license that are able to deliver alcoholic beverages under the bill are likely to experience increased sales and revenues.

Analysis

Current Law: Class A alcoholic beverages licenses generally authorize the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption off the licensed premises only. In Howard County,

Class A license holders may obtain a tasting license that allows customers to sample small amounts of a product on the licensed premises.

In Howard County, the board may not issue more than one Class A license of any type for every 4,000 residents of the county. Fees for a Class A license range from \$50 for a light wine license to \$900 for a Class A-1 7 day beer, wine, and liquor license.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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