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(Prince George's County Delegation)

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Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - BLX License
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This bill authorizes an establishment in Prince George's County located within a specified area on the campus of the University of Maryland, College Park that is issued a Class BLX license to offer entertainment when individuals under the age of 21 years are present, under specified circumstances. The license holder must meet with the College Park City-University Partnership Board of Directors every six months to review reports and security measures and to assist in improvement of community-oriented events. The license holder must indemnify the College Park City-University Partnership for any recommendations the license holder makes to the board. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2021.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County can monitor licenses with existing resources. Prince George's County revenues are not materially affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill applies only to a Class BLX license issued for an establishment located on the campus of the University of Maryland, College Park within an area that is bounded as follows: from the intersection of Rossborough Lane and Diamondback Drive, north on Diamondback Drive to the intersection with Campus Drive, southeast on Campus Drive to the point where Campus Drive runs directly parallel to Rossborough Lane

where it intersects with Rhode Island Avenue, south from the roadway of Campus Drive to the intersection of Rossborough Lane and Rhode Island Avenue, then northwest along Rossborough Lane back to the intersection of Rossborough Lane and Diamondback Drive.

The Class BLX license holder may offer entertainment when individuals under the age of 21 years are present if the license holder enters into an agreement with the College Park City-University Partnership, the City of College Park, and the University of Maryland to work together to provide a quality restaurant experience and appropriate community-oriented entertainment. Live music and entertainment will generally start by 8:00 p.m. or 9:00 p.m. and end by midnight. If an event is anticipated to extend later than midnight, the license holder must inform and request comment from the University of Maryland and the College Park City-University Partnership. On occasion the entertainment may occur between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. The license holder must employ appropriate levels of security for a live music and entertainment event.

The lease of the property on which the licensed premises is located includes provisions that require the license holder to (1) immediately notify the landlord of any violation or citation relating to the license; (2) work closely with the College Park City-University Partnership to maintain a safe and healthy community-oriented establishment; (3) provide the College Park City-University Partnership a list of upcoming events each month; (4) participate in reviews; (5) maintain and operate the facility in a manner that is safe, healthy, and community-oriented; and (6) refrain from advertisements or inducements that may be interpreted to encourage consumption of alcoholic beverages by underage patrons.

Current Law: The board may issue a Class BLX license for use in a luxury restaurant that has (1) a minimum capital investment of \$1,000,000 for a dining room and kitchen equipment, excluding the cost of the land, building, or lease and (2) seating for at least 100 individuals. The license authorizes the licensee to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. the following day. Generally, a licensee may not sell beer, wine, or liquor for on-premises consumption between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. or from a bar or counter on Sunday between 6:00 a.m. and 2:00 a.m. the following day. The annual license fee is \$3,875. A single license holder may hold up to 15 Class BLX licenses, subject to specified conditions.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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