HOUSE BILL 359

By: Prince George’s County Delegation
Introduced and read first time: January 19, 2022
Assigned to: Economic Matters

Committee Report: Favorable
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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Prince George’s County – Alcoholic Beverages – Transfer of Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

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FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George’s County, notwithstanding a certain prohibition on the transfer of a license with an off-sale privilege, to approve the transfer of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license to a premises located in certain alcoholic beverages districts if there is no Class A beer, wine, and liquor license operating within a certain distance of the premises; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Prince George’s County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 26–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages
Section 26–1603(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.
Strikeout indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.
SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

26–102.

This title applies only in Prince George's County.

26–1603.

(a) (1) Except as provided in paragraphs (2) [and], (3), AND (4) of this subsection, the Board may not issue a new license with an off–sale privilege in, or approve the transfer of a license with an off–sale privilege into, a part of the 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, or 47th alcoholic beverages district in the county.

(2) The Board may issue a license in or approve the transfer of a license into an area specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection if the off–sale privilege of the license is waived.

(3) The Board may convert one Class D (on–sale) beer and wine license issued for premises in the 7100 block of Baltimore Avenue in College Park to a Class D (on– and off–sale) beer and wine license for premises in the 7100 to 7200 block of Baltimore Avenue in College Park.

(4) THE BOARD MAY APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF A CLASS A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE TO A PREMISES LOCATED IN ANY AREA SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION IF THERE IS NO CLASS A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE OPERATING WITHIN 1 MILE OF THE PREMISES.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.