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House Bill 520

(Harford County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Stadium License Annual Fee

This bill decreases the license fee from \$10,000 to \$4,000 for a stadium beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license in Harford County. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2022.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Harford County revenues decrease by \$6,000 annually, beginning in FY 2023, due to the decrease in the annual license fee. Expenditures are not affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal overall, but potential meaningful for a stadium that pays a decreased annual license fee for the stadium BWL license.

Analysis

Current Law: In Harford County, there is a stadium BWL license. The board may issue the license for a stadium to the owner, lessee, or concession manager of a professional baseball stadium. The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption. The license holder may sell, serve, or allow the consumption of beer, wine, and liquor on the stadium parking lots only with the prior written approval of the board. The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during specified times. An individual who serves beer, wine, and liquor on the licensed premises must hold a certificate from an alcohol awareness program that the board approves. An individual may generally only serve beer, wine, and liquor during a baseball game in plastic, Styrofoam, or paper containers, except on the club level or in a dining area where glass containers may

be used, as specified. An individual may dispense wine and liquor during a baseball game only from a stationary structure that is in the stadium and equipped with a motor vehicle driver's license scanner, except on the club level or in a dining area where patrons are seated. A license holder may not allow a roving vendor to dispense wine and liquor. A license holder is prohibited from allowing a person to carry beer, wine, and liquor onto or off of the licensed premises.

Local Revenues: Harford County advises that currently there is one stadium license in effect in the county. Thus, annual license fee revenues from stadium beer, wine, and liquor licenses decrease by \$6,000 annually beginning in fiscal 2023.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: SB 483 (Senator Cassilly, *et al.*) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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