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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

Senate Bill 482

(Senator Cassilly, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

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**Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Resort Complex License**

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This bill establishes a resort complex license in Harford County. The Harford County Board of License Commissioners may issue one resort complex license to the person owning, leasing, or operating a resort complex. The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor from specified locations. A license holder may serve alcoholic beverages at specified times depending on the location. A resort complex license is exempt from any quota or restriction on off-sale licenses issued for the election district in which the resort complex is located. Areas in a resort complex may be excluded from the portion of the property that is considered to be the licensed premises. A person other than the resort complex license holder may obtain a different class of license for an area excluded. A resort complex for which the license is issued is subject to alcohol awareness training requirements, as specified. The initial license fee is \$3,500. Beginning May 1, 2023, the annual license fee is \$6,000. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2022.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Harford County revenues increase from fees associated with the resort complex license. Expenditures are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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## Analysis

**Bill Summary:** “Resort complex” means a parcel or contiguous parcels of land of at least 10 acres; under common ownership; and with facilities that (1) include lodging, conference spaces, meeting spaces, active outdoor open spaces, waterfront beach activities, or a marina; (2) serve the public; and (3) resulted in a capital investment of at least \$500,000 exclusive of the cost of land.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** For each resort complex license issued under the bill, Harford County revenues increase by \$3,500 for each initial license fee and \$6,000 for each annual license fee. The board advises that currently there is one business in Harford County that is eligible for the license under the bill.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** HB 1272 of 2020 passed the House with amendments and was referred to the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, but no further action was taken.

**Designated Cross File:** HB 465 (Delegate Johnson) - Economic Matters.

**Information Source(s):** Harford County; Department of Legislative Services

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