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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**First Reader**

House Bill 768  
Economic Matters

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**Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Population**

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This bill modifies the population formula that applies to the issuance of specified Class A alcoholic beverages licenses in an election district in Frederick County. The bill repeals from the population formula the option to use a major fraction in an election district. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2022.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. The bill does not affect Frederick County operations or finances.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** In Frederick County, for every 4,000 individuals or major fraction in an election district, the board may not issue more than one license in each of the following classes: (1) Class A (off-sale) beer license; (2) Class A (off-sale) beer and wine license; and (3) Class A (off-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license. The population of each election district is to be determined by the most recent federal census. In an election district in which the number of licenses in a class that were issued as of June 1, 1949, exceeds the license quota, the board may not issue new licenses in that class, unless the number of licenses in that class falls below the quota. The license quota does not apply to the transfer or renewal of a license.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** SB 650 (Senators Young and Hough) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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

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