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Third Reader

Senate Bill 306
Finance

(Carroll County Senators)

Economic Matters

Carroll County - Alcoholic Beverages - Multiple Event Entertainment Licenses

This bill repeals the 40-day limit for which specified multiple event entertainment licenses issued in Carroll County may be used in a calendar year. The annual fee for a license for 41 or more events per year is \$2,000. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2023.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect Carroll County finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Bill Summary/Current law: The Carroll County Board of License Commissioners may issue a Class C multiple event beer, wine, and liquor license. The license authorizes the license holder to exercise any privilege conferred by a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license at an entertainment event held by a county fire department or an arts center on West Main Street in Westminster. The annual fee for the license is:

- \$125, for not more than 10 events per year;
- \$250, for not more than 20 events per year;
- \$375, for not more than 30 events per year; and
- \$500, for not more than 40 events per year.

The bill adds a new license tier for 41 or more events per year with an annual fee of \$2,000.

Under current law, the total number of days for which a multiple event license may be used may not exceed 40 in a calendar year. The bill repeals this provision.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: HB 560 (Carroll County Delegation) - Economic Matters.

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

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