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House Bill 248

(Delegate Forbes)

Economic Matters

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Baltimore County - Class B-ECF/DS (Education Conference Facility/Dining Service) License - Towson University

This bill authorizes the Baltimore County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class B Education Conference Facility/Dining Service (ECF/DS) beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license to an individual who is authorized by Towson University (TU) in addition to its authority to issue the license to the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC). The bill makes other conforming changes to specify that the provisions of the license apply to either UMBC or TU as appropriate. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2023.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Baltimore County revenues increase by \$2,500 in FY 2024 due to application and license fees and by \$2,000 annually thereafter due to additional license fees. Baltimore County can handle any additional enforcement activity with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The board may issue a Class B ECF/DS BWL license to an individual who is (1) authorized by UMBC to act on behalf of the campus under the license and be subject to specified penalties, conditions, and restrictions and (2) a resident of the State. The annual license fee is \$2,000.

A Class B ECF/DS license authorizes the holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption from multiple designated outlets on UMBC's campus only at university-related events catered by the university's campus dining services contractor. Beer, wine, and liquor purchased at a designated outlet must be consumed within the confines of that outlet and may not be transported to another outlet. All profits must be deposited in the auxiliary services account of the university.

The board (1) may regulate the manner in which beer, wine, and liquor are dispensed under the license; (2) must designate the exact campus locations for the outlets for the sale of beer, wine, and liquor before issuing the license; (3) must maintain a map and description of the designated outlets for verification on the renewal of the license; and (4) must require UMBC to report to the board at least five days before a university-related event at which beer, wine, or liquor is intended to be sold or served. The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours and days as established for a Class B BWL license in Baltimore County.

Additional Comments: Baltimore County advises that only one Class B ECD/DS BWL license has currently been issued in the county to UMBC.

Additional Information

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

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