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House Bill 558
Economic Matters

(Carroll County Delegation)

Finance

Carroll County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Residency Requirement

This bill alters the residency requirement for an alcoholic beverages license on behalf of a partnership, corporation or club, or limited liability company in Carroll County and establishes that an individual who is a resident of the State at the time of the application satisfies the applicable residency requirement, as specified. The license remains valid only for as long as at least one of the applicants remains a resident of the State. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2023.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect Carroll County operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Applicants seeking an alcoholic beverages license on behalf of a partnership, corporation or club, or limited liability company in Carroll County have specific residency requirements.

For a partnership, each of the partners must (1) reside in the jurisdiction or municipality where the business is located at the time the application is filed and (2) remain a resident of the jurisdiction or municipality where the business is located for the duration of time the license is in effect.

For a corporation or club, unless specified otherwise, a license on behalf of a corporation or club must be applied for and issued to three officers of the corporation or club as individuals. At least one of the three officers must (1) be a resident of the jurisdiction or municipality at the time the application is filed and (2) remain a resident of the jurisdiction or municipality for the duration of time the license is in effect.

For a limited liability company, if a limited liability company has fewer than three authorized individuals, each authorized individual must apply for the license. If the limited liability company has three or more authorized individuals, three authorized individuals must apply for the license. At least one of the authorized individuals must (1) be a resident of the jurisdiction or municipality at the time the application is filed and (2) remain a resident of the jurisdiction or municipality for the duration of time the license is in effect.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: SB 393 (Carroll County Senators) - Finance.

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