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House Bill 742

(Frederick County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Finance

Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Stadium License

This bill authorizes the license holder of a stadium license in Frederick County to sell liquor, in addition to beer and wine, for consumption on the licensed premises. The bill increases the annual license fee for a stadium license from \$2,000 to \$2,500. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2024.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Frederick County revenues increase by \$500 annually beginning as early as FY 2024 to reflect the stadium license annual fee increase. Frederick County can handle any additional enforcement activity using existing budgeted resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Frederick County Board of License Commissioners is authorized to issue a stadium license to the owner of a professional baseball team franchise. The license authorizes the license holder, at the stadium in which the baseball team plays its home games, to sell beer and wine (1) in plastic or paper containers on the licensed premises; (2) for on-premises consumption; and (3) to an individual present at an event held in the stadium. The license holder may sell alcoholic beverages from the time the stadium opens for the event until the event ends. The license holder is prohibited from allowing an individual to (1) carry any alcoholic beverage onto the licensed premises; or

(2) carry any alcoholic beverage from the licensed premises. The annual license fee is \$2,000.

Additional Comments: Frederick County is home to Nymeo Field at Harry Grove Stadium.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: SB 770 (Frederick County Senators) - Finance.

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