

**Department of Legislative Services**  
Maryland General Assembly  
2024 Session

**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader - Revised**

House Bill 743  
Economic Matters

(Frederick County Delegation)

Finance

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**Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Promoter's Permit**

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This bill authorizes the holder of a promoter’s permit in Frederick County to sell beer, wine, and liquor at an event. The permit holder may not hold an alcoholic beverages license. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2024.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

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

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** In Frederick County, a for-profit organization must obtain a promoter’s permit from the board before the organization may publicize, sell tickets for, organize, operate, produce, or stage an event at which alcoholic beverages are sold or served. The permit fee is (1) \$50, for an event in which the promoter expects fewer than 500 individuals will attend; (2) \$250, for an event in which the promoter expects between 500 and 1,000 individuals will attend; (3) \$600, for an event in which the promoter expects between 1,001 and 3,000 will attend; and (4) \$1,000, for an event in which the promoter expects more than 3,000 individuals will attend.

The board may adopt regulations establishing the requirements for conducting a specified event, including health and safety standards to be met by a permit holder.

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## **Additional Information**

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

**Designated Cross File:** SB 767 (Frederick County Senators) - Finance.

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

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