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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
First Reader

House Bill 374

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Economic Matters

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Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Cigar Lounge License  
PG 303-24

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This bill establishes a Class B-CL (cigar lounge) beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license in Prince George's County and authorizes the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners to issue the license for use in a cigar lounge for on-premises consumption only. The annual license fee is \$900. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2024.**

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Prince George's County license fee revenues increase by approximately \$9,000 annually beginning in FY 2025 from the issuance of 10 Class B-CL BWL licenses. Prince George's County can handle any additional enforcement activity using existing budgeted resources.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal overall, but potential meaningful for a cigar lounge that is able to sell beer, wine, and liquor under the bill.

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Analysis

**Bill Summary:** The Class B-CL license may sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours and days designated for a Class C BWL license. The hours and days are (1) on Monday through Saturday, from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. the following day, and (2) on Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. the following day.

**Current Law:** The board is authorized to issue multiple types of Class B alcoholic beverages licenses that allow the sale of beer, wine, or liquor, as specified, under the type of license issued.

*Indoor Smoking Restriction*

Beginning on February 1, 2008, a person in Maryland generally may not smoke in (1) an indoor area open to the public; (2) an indoor place in which meetings are open to the public; (3) a government-owned or government-operated means of mass transportation; or (4) an indoor place of employment. A retail business that is a sole proprietorship, limited liability company, corporation, partnership, or other enterprise in which the primary activity is the sale of tobacco or similar products is exempt from the restriction.

**Local Revenues:** The annual license fee for a Class B-CL license is \$900. Prince George's County estimates issuing 10 Class B-CL licenses in fiscal 2025; therefore, Prince George's County license fee revenues increase by \$9,000 starting in fiscal 2025.

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**Additional Information**

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

**Designated Cross File:** None.

**Information Source(s):** Prince George's County; Department of Legislative Services

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