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House Bill 1213

(Delegate R. Long)

Economic Matters

Baltimore County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class A Licenses - Self-Checkout Machines Prohibited

This bill prohibits the holder of a Class A wine license, Class A beer and wine license, or a Class A beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license in Baltimore County from operating a self-checkout machine on the licensed premises. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2025.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

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

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law:

Class A Licenses in Baltimore County

The Class A wine license authorizes the license holder to sell at the place described in the license, wine produced at the winery that contains up to 21% of alcohol by volume. The wine must be sold in a sealed package or container that may not be opened or its contents consumed on the licensed premises. The annual license fee is \$100.

The Class A beer and wine license authorizes the license holder to sell beer and wine, at the place described in the license. The license holder must sell the beer and wine in a sealed package or container. The package or container may not be opened and its contents may not be consumed on the premises where the beer or wine is sold. The annual license fee is \$250.

The Class A BWL license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at the place described in the license. The license holder must deliver the beer, wine, or liquor in a sealed container that may not be opened, or its contents consumed on the licensed premises. The annual license fee is \$900.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: None.

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