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Maryland General Assembly
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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
Third Reader

House Bill 715
Economic Matters

(Harford County Delegation)

Finance

Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Alteration of License Quota

This bill increases, from 4,000 to 4,750 individuals, the quota used by the Harford County Board of License Commissioners when issuing specified Class A licenses. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2025.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

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

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In Harford County, for every 4,000 individuals in the county, the board may not issue more than (1) one Class A (off-sale) license; (2) one Class A-1 (off-sale) license; or (3) one Class A-2 (off-sale) license.

If the number of licenses in a class exceeds the quota, the board may not issue a new license in that class unless the number of licenses of that class are reduced by revocation or surrender, creating a vacancy.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: None.

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

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