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House Bill 1270
(Prince George's County Delegation)
Government, Labor, and Elections

Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Notice of License Applications
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This bill repeals the requirements the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners publish notice of a license application hearing in at least two newspapers of general circulation in the county. The bill requires the board to publish notice of license application hearings on the board's website, through social media, and by e-mail. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County expenditures decrease, likely minimally, beginning in FY 2027, due to a reduction in costs associated with publishing hearing information in local newspapers. Prince George's County revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: The Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners is required to publish notice of a license application hearing in at least two newspapers of general circulation in the county at least 30 days before the day on which license applications are required to be filed for consideration at the hearing.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: None.

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