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Senate Bill 399

(Anne Arundel County Senators)

Finance

Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Class C Per diem License Fees

This bill modifies the fees for Class C per diem alcoholic beverages licenses in Anne Arundel County based on the estimated attendance of the events. For events with an estimated attendance of 500 or more individuals, the fee for a Class C per diem beer and wine license or beer license is *\$25 per point of sale location that serves alcohol at the event per day*, and the fee for a Class C per diem beer, wine, and liquor license is *\$50 per point of sale location that serves alcohol at the event per day*. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Anne Arundel County revenues increase by up to \$7,000 annually beginning in FY 2027. Anne Arundel County expenditures are not affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In Anne Arundel County, a Class C per diem beer, Class C per diem beer and wine, or Class C per diem beer, wine, and liquor license entitles the license holder to exercise any of the privileges conferred by the respective class of license (1) for the use of a person holding an entertainment event that is conducted by a club; (2) at the place described in the license; and (3) for a period not exceeding seven consecutive days.

The fee for a Class C per diem beer license and a Class C per diem beer and wine license is \$25 per day. The fee for a Class C per diem beer, wine, and liquor license is \$50 per day.

Local Revenues: Anne Arundel County advises the bill would affect approximately 11 applicants for Class C per diem alcoholic beverages licenses annually. While some applicants will see no change under the bill, events with an estimated attendance of 500 or more individuals would be required to pay a fee for each point of sale location rather than a flat per diem fee for the event. Thus, Anne Arundel County revenues will increase up to \$7,000 annually beginning in fiscal 2027 due to increased license fees per point of sale location from events with an estimated attendance of 500 or more individuals.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: HB 522 (Delegate Pruski) - Government, Labor, and Elections.

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