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Dorchester County Delegation

HB567 Dorchester County- Alcoholic Beverages- Arts Beer and Wine License

With Amendment 173525/1

Economic Matters Committee

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What This Bill Does

HB567 establishes an Arts Beer and Wine License in Dorchester County for art-focused businesses in designated Arts and Entertainment Districts. The bill's amendment allows the Board to issue a license to an establishment that is within a certain distance of a place of worship or school with the written consent of the place of worship or school.

Why We Need This Bill

Previously, there was no license for art businesses in Dorchester County to serve beer and wine. This bill allows art venues in designated districts to offer beer and wine, boosting arts and culture while supporting local businesses.

We respectfully ask the Committee for a favorable vote on HB567 with amendment.