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Dorchester County Delegation

HB564 Dorchester County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses- Venue Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

With Amendment 483628/1

Economic Matters Committee

Monday, February 17, 2025

What This Bill Does

HB564 establishes a Venue Beer, Wine, and Liquor License in Dorchester County, allowing alcohol sales at qualifying event venues in Dorchester County. 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 specific license in Dorchester County allowing businesses that host events to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption. This bill creates a targeted license for businesses, allowing them to legally sell alcohol during events where food is served. Additionally, it permits alcoholic beverage licenses for establishments located within 300 feet of a place of worship or school, with written consent from the place of worship or school.

We respectfully ask the Committee for a favorable vote on HB564