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Senate Bill 618

(Senators Brinkley and Young)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Country Inn Licenses

This bill authorizes the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class B-CI (country inn) on-sale beer, wine, and liquor license for the use of an establishment that meets specified requirements in the Burkittsville (twenty-second) election district.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2014.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Minimal. Frederick County revenues increase by \$2,500 annually for each new Class B-CI (country inn) on-sale beer, wine, and liquor license issued in the Burkittsville (twenty-second) election district. Expenditures are not materially affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal overall, but potential meaningful for any country inn that obtains a Class B-CI (country inn) license in the Burkittsville (twenty-second) election district.

Analysis

Current Law: The Frederick County Board of License Commissioners may issue a Class B-CI (country inn) on-sale beer, wine, and liquor for an establishment that provides services normally found in a country inn that contains at least eight rooms with sleeping accommodations and has a kitchen facility for guests that is separate from the kitchen facility of the management quarters. The holder of a Class B-CI license may sell

alcoholic beverages for consumption on the premises and between the hours of 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. Monday through Saturday and from 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. on Sundays and when accommodating the public for banquets, parties, meetings, and similar functions. The annual license fee is \$2,500.

In Frederick County, a Class A, B, and C beer and light wine license and a Class A, B, and C beer, wine, and liquor license may be issued in the following election districts: First (Buckeystown), Second (Frederick), Fourth (Creagerstown), Fifth (Emittsburg), Seventh (Urbana), Eighth (Liberty), Ninth (New Market), Eleventh (Woodsboro), Twelfth (Petersville), Thirteenth (Mt. Pleasant), Fifteenth (Thurmont), Eighteenth (Woodville), Twentieth (Lewistown), Twenty-first (Tuscarora), Twenty-fourth (Braddock), Twenty-fifth (Brunswick), and Twenty-sixth (Walkersville).

An alcoholic beverages license cannot be issued in the following election districts: Sixth (Catoctin), Tenth (Hauvers), Sixteenth (Jackson), Nineteenth (Linganore), and Twenty-third (Ballenger). Only beer may be sold by Class A, B, and C licenses in the following election districts: Fourteenth (Jefferson), Seventeenth (Johnsville), and Twenty-second (Burkittsville). In the third election district, the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners may issue Class A, B, or C beer licenses, Middletown Wine Festival licenses, and Class C beer, wine, and liquor licenses, and within the municipal boundaries of Middletown, the commission may also issue Class B beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) licenses if the licensed premises derives at least 70% of its monthly gross revenue from the sale of food. Specified exemptions apply to these restrictions for golf and country clubs in the sixteenth election district, specified volunteer fire companies, Katharine Drexel Roman Catholic Congregation, Inc., and Holy Family Catholic Community.

Background: There is currently only one Class B-CI (country inn) on-sale beer, wine, and liquor license issued in Frederick County.

Local Revenues: Frederick County revenues increase by \$2,500 from each Class B-CI (country inn) on-sale beer, wine, and liquor license issued to an establishment that meets specified requirements in the Burkittsville (twenty-second) election district. Although the number of licenses that will be issued is unknown, any additional license fee revenue is likely to be minimal.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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