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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 245  
Economic Matters

(Frederick County Delegation)  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Sunday Permit - Hours of Sale

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This emergency bill authorizes the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners to set the on-sale Sunday hours, for specific events approved by the board, during which the holder of any class except Class E (on-sale – steamboats) of on-sale license may sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the licensed premises. Thus, for approved special events, the board may set hours that vary from the Sunday hours currently allowed (11 a.m. to 2 a.m.).

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Enforcement can likely be handled with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal overall, but potential meaningful impact for small businesses that are able to expand their hours on Sundays for approved special events.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** Holders of on-sale licenses (with the exception of holders of Class E licenses) are permitted to sell alcoholic beverages between the hours of 6 a.m. and 2 a.m. daily, except Sundays, when on-sale hours are limited to 11 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day and off-sale hours are limited to 1 p.m. to 2 a.m. the following day.

**Background:** Frederick County advises that certain groups wish to provide beer during their special events, which often begin before 11:00 a.m. on Sundays.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 501 (Senators Young and Hough) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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