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House Bill 1001
Economic Matters

(Harford County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Sunday Sales at a Bar or Counter

This bill repeals the prohibition against a holder of a (1) Class B beer and wine (BW) license; (2) Class C BW license; (3) Class B beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license; (4) Class B-3 BWL license; or (5) Class C-1, C-2, or C-3 BWL license in Harford County from selling alcoholic beverages at a bar or counter on Sunday. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially impact Harford County finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: Generally, a holder of a (1) Class B beer and wine (BW) license; (2) Class C BW license; (3) Class B beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license; (4) Class B-3 BWL license; or (5) Class C-1, C-2, or C-3 BWL license in Harford County may not sell alcoholic beverages at a bar or counter on Sunday.

Background: In fiscal 2017, 202 alcoholic beverages licenses were issued for use in Harford County, including 24 Class B BW licenses, 90 Class B BWL licenses, and a total of 26 Class C BWL licenses.

Small Business Effect: Small business holders of specified licenses may see an increase in sales due to being authorized to sell alcoholic beverages to customers at a bar or counter on Sunday.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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