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House Bill 342 (Howard County Delegation)
Economic Matters

Howard County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class C BWL License
Ho. Co. 21-18

This bill establishes a Class C beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) seven-day license in Howard County which authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail for on-premises consumption. The annual license fee is \$500. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Howard County revenues increase minimally due to additional license fees. Howard County can monitor licenses with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: In Howard County, a Class C *per diem* BWL license authorizes the holder to sell alcoholic beverages at an entertainment event conducted by a club, at the place described in the license, for a period of up to seven consecutive days.

Background: In fiscal 2017, 285 alcoholic beverages licenses were issued for use in Howard County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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