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House Bill 1343  
Economic Matters

(Harford County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Stadium License

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This bill repeals restrictions on a stadium beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license in Harford County that (1) only allow an individual to serve liquor during a baseball game on the club level or in a dining area where patrons are seated and (2) prohibit a license holder from allowing a roving vendor to dispense beer in the stadium. The bill repeals the requirement that the Harford County Board of License Commissioners only issue a stadium BWL license to a stadium owned by the City of Aberdeen. The bill also makes conforming changes. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

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

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Current Law:** In Harford County, there is a stadium BWL license. The board may issue the license for a stadium owned by the City of Aberdeen to the owner, lessee, or concession manager of a professional baseball stadium. An individual who serves beer, wine, and liquor on the licensed premises must hold a certificate from an alcohol awareness program that the Harford County Board of License Commissioners approves. An individual may serve liquor during a baseball game only on the club level or in a dining area where patrons are seated. Except on the club level or in a dining area, an individual may only serve beer,

wine, and liquor during a baseball game in a plastic, Styrofoam, or paper container, and an individual may dispense beer and wine only from a stationary structure that is in the stadium and equipped with a motor vehicle driver's license scanner. A license holder may not allow a roving vendor to dispense beer, wine, and liquor.

**Background:** In fiscal 2017, 202 alcoholic beverages licenses were issued for use in Harford County.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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