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Senate Bill 645 (Senator Edwards)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Allegany County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class B-TM (Theater/Museum) License

This bill establishes a Class B-TM (theater/museum) beer, wine, and liquor license in Allegany County for the use of a theater/museum that has a ballroom with seating for a maximum of 300 individuals per event. The license authorizes the license holder to sell at retail beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption and in conjunction with a regular exhibit opening or a fund-raising event for the benefit of the theater/museum. Hours of sale for the license are Sunday through Saturday beginning two hours before the exhibit opening or event and concluding two hours after the end of the exhibit opening or event. The president and two other officers of the theater/museum must apply for and be issued the license on behalf of the theater/museum. At least two of the applicants must be residents of the county. The annual fee for the license is \$350. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Allegany County revenues increase between \$800 and \$1,200 in FY 2019 and between \$700 and \$1,050 annually thereafter from license and filing fees. Allegany County can handle any enforcement activity with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: The Allegany County Board of License Commissioners is authorized to issue the following alcoholic beverages licenses to specific organizations and venues:

- a buffet theatre license;
- a video lottery concessionaire license;
- a video lottery facility license; and
- a volunteer company license.

Local Revenues: Allegany County advises that the bill applies to two or three establishments. Accordingly, anticipated licensing fee revenues under the bill will total between \$800 and \$1,200 in fiscal 2019 and between \$700 and \$1,050 annually thereafter. This estimate is based on a one-time \$50 filing fee and a \$350 annual licensing fee.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 1068 (Allegany County Delegation) - Economic Matters.

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