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Economic Matters

(Delegate Lisanti, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Social Organization

This bill authorizes the Harford County Board of License Commissioners to issue a 6- or 7-day Class C-3 beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license to a social organization that meets specified criteria. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Harford County revenues increase minimally as a result of additional application and license fees. Any additional enforcement activity can be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal overall, but potential meaningful impact for a social organization that is operated for profit and qualifies as a small business.

Analysis

Bill Summary: A social organization granted a Class C-3 BWL license may sell beer, wine, and liquor on Monday through Sunday, from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. The annual fee for the 6-day license is \$1,300, and the annual fee for the 7-day license is \$1,400.

Current Law: In Harford County, there is a 6-day Class C-3 BWL license and a 7-day Class C-3 BWL license, each of which may be issued to a country club, a topiary garden, or a yacht or boat club that meets specified criteria. The 6-day license authorizes the holder to sell or provide beer, wine, and liquor from Monday through Saturday for on-premises consumption by members and guests, and the 7-day license authorizes the holder to sell or

provide beer, wine, and liquor from Monday through Sunday for on-premises consumption by members and guests. The hours of sale are from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day, on the days authorized. The annual fee for the 6-day license is \$1,300, and the annual fee for the 7-day license is \$1,400.

Background: In fiscal 2017, 202 alcoholic beverages licenses were issued for use in Harford County, including 26 Class C BWL licenses.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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