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House Bill 334
Economic Matters

(Montgomery County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Montgomery County - Alcoholic Beverages - Community Performing Arts
Facility Special Event Permit
MC 30-19

This bill authorizes the Montgomery County Board of License Commissioners to issue a community performing arts facility special event permit to a holder of a community performing arts facility beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license. The special event permit authorizes the holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for consumption at a special event and to hold an unlimited number of special events per year. A permit holder must notify the board in writing at least 14 days in advance of a special event. The annual permit fee is \$200. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2019.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Montgomery County revenues increase by up to \$400 annually due to additional permit fees. Montgomery County can monitor permits with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal overall but potential meaningful for a community performing arts facility that obtains a special event permit under the bill.

Analysis

Current Law: A “community performing arts facility” is any facility used for art classes, banquets, exhibits, live performances, shows, theater productions, visual arts shows, weddings, and community-related activities.

The board may issue a BWL community performing arts facility license to an entity that owns or leases a performing arts facility that has (1) a minimum capacity of 200 and (2) a maximum capacity of 1,499. The license authorizes the licensee to, from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day, sell beer, wine, and liquor, by the drink, from one or more outlets on the licensed premises, for on-premises consumption. The licensed facility must serve food during the hours in which alcoholic beverages are sold or consumed. The board may, as a condition for license issuance or renewal, impose restrictions on the areas within the licensed facility where beer, wine, and liquor may be sold, served, possessed, or consumed. A licensee may contract with a licensed caterer to serve alcoholic beverages and food on the premises.

A single entity may hold no more than three licenses for performing arts facilities in separate locations. The annual fee for a BWL community performing arts facility license is \$750.

Background: Montgomery County advises that there are two active BWL community performing arts facility licenses in the county.

Local Fiscal Effect: The annual permit fee is \$200; for each permit issued, Montgomery County revenues increase by \$200 annually. Montgomery County advises that two establishments are eligible for the permit under the bill. Accordingly, Montgomery County revenues increase by up to \$400 annually.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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