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Senate Bill 274

(Senators Young and Hough)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Sunday Sales

This bill repeals provisions that prohibit a Class C beer; beer and wine (BW); or beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) licensee in Frederick County from selling alcoholic beverages from a bar or counter on Sunday. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2019.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The bill codifies current practice.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In Frederick County, a Class C beer, BW, or BWL licensee may not sell alcoholic beverages from a bar or counter on Sunday. A Class B beer, BW, or BWL licensee in Frederick County also may not sell alcoholic beverages from a bar or counter on Sunday.

In Frederick County, Class C licenses generally authorize clubs and other organizations to sell alcoholic beverages for consumption on the licensed premises. The days and hours of sale for a Class C beer, BW, or BWL license are Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day or, for a board-approved event, the hours set by the board.

In Frederick County, consumption of alcoholic beverages in a premises for which an alcoholic beverages license is issued is generally prohibited from 2 a.m. to 6 a.m.

Background: In fiscal 2018, there were 34 Class C licenses issued in Frederick County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 288 (Frederick County Delegation) - Economic Matters.

Information Source(s): Comptroller's Office; Frederick County; Department of Legislative Services

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