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Third Reader

Senate Bill 256

(Carroll County Senators)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Carroll County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class D Beer and Wine Licenses

This bill alters Class D beer and wine (BW) licenses in Carroll County to generally only permit on-premises consumption. Off-premises consumption is permitted at the discretion of the Carroll County Board of License Commissioners. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2019.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect Carroll County finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal. Small businesses holding a Class D BW license may realize lower revenues as a result of lost sales otherwise permitted by off-premises alcohol sales.

Analysis

Current Law: In Carroll County, a Class D BW license authorizes the license holder to sell or provide beer or wine for on- or off-premises consumption. Commonly, such licenses are issued for use in a bar or tavern, and a license may not be issued for any drug store. The annual fee for a Class D BW license in Carroll County is \$250.

Background: In fiscal 2018, three Class D BW licenses were issued for use in Carroll County.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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

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