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House Bill 287

(Frederick County Delegation)

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Frederick County - Alcoholic Beverages - Promoter's Permit

This bill repeals a requirement for obtaining a promoter's permit in Frederick County. A for-profit organization that seeks to publicize, sell tickets for, organize, produce, or stage an event at which alcoholic beverages are sold may obtain a promoter's permit. Under current law, a for-profit organization may obtain a promoter's permit only for an event that is conducted in conjunction with a nonprofit organization that holds a specified per diem alcoholic beverages license. In addition, the bill lowers the fee, from \$250 to \$50, for a promoter's permit issued for an event for which the promoter expects that fewer than 500 individuals will attend. Accordingly, the permit fee is \$50, if the promoter expects that fewer than 500 individuals will attend, and \$250, if the promoter expects that at least 500 and no more than 1,000 individuals will attend. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2019.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Minimal impact on Frederick County revenues. Frederick County can handle any additional enforcement activity with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal overall but potentially meaningful for a small business that is able to obtain a promoter's permit under the bill.

Analysis

Current Law: In Frederick County, a for-profit organization must obtain a promoter's permit from the Frederick County Board of License Commissioners before the organization may help publicize, sell tickets for, organize, operate, produce, or stage an event (1) at

which alcoholic beverages are sold and (2) that is conducted in conjunction with an organization that has obtained a per diem or multiday alcoholic beverages license, as specified. The permit fee is (1) \$250, if the promoter expects that no more than 1,000 individuals will attend; (2) \$600, if the promoter expects that at least 1,001 and no more than 3,000 individuals will attend; and (3) \$1,000, if the promoter expects that more than 3,000 individuals will attend.

Background: Frederick County advises that the board issued three promoter's permits in fiscal 2018.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 275 (Senators Young and Hough) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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