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House Bill 1272  
Economic Matters

(Harford County Delegation)

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Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Resort Complex License

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This bill establishes a resort complex license in Harford County. The Harford County Board of License Commissioners may issue one resort complex license to the person owning, leasing, or operating a resort complex. The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor from specified locations. A license holder may serve alcoholic beverages at specified times depending on the location. A resort complex license is exempt from any quota or restriction on off-sale licenses issued for the election district in which the resort complex is located. Areas in a resort complex may be excluded from the portion of the property that is considered to be the licensed premises. A person other than the resort complex license holder may obtain a different class of license for an area excluded. A resort complex for which the license is issued is subject to alcohol awareness training requirements, as specified. The initial license fee is \$3,500. Beginning May 1, 2021, the annual license fee is \$6,000. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.**

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Harford County revenues increase from fees associated with the resort complex license. Expenditures are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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Analysis

**Bill Summary:** “Resort complex” means a parcel or contiguous parcels of land of at least 10 acres; under common ownership; and with facilities that (1) include lodging, conference

spaces, meeting spaces, active outdoor open spaces, waterfront beach activities, or a marina; (2) serve the public; and (3) resulted in a capital investment of at least \$500,000 exclusive of the cost of land.

**Background:** In fiscal 2019, there were 201 alcoholic beverages licenses issued in Harford County, including 164 beer, wine, and liquor licenses.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** None.

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