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House Bill 554

(Anne Arundel County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Anne Arundel County - Alcoholic Beverages - Small Yacht Club License

This bill establishes the Class C (small yacht club) license in Anne Arundel County and authorizes the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to a small yacht club that meets specified requirements. A license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor to yacht club members and guests accompanied by members on the yacht club premises. The license holder may purchase alcoholic beverages from a retail dealer. The annual license fee is \$525. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2020.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill increases Anne Arundel County license fee revenues to the extent Class C (small yacht club) licenses are issued under the bill. Anne Arundel County can monitor additional licenses using existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal overall, but potentially meaningful for small business that obtain a Class C (small yacht club) license under the bill.

Analysis

Bill Summary: At least one person of the yacht club who is a resident, registered voter, and taxpayer of Anne Arundel County must sign the application for the Class C (small yacht club) license. The board may issue the license to a small yacht club that (1) has at least 30 members paying dues of at least \$75 per year per member and (2) at the time of the application for the license, maintains a clubhouse that is principally for the use of

members and guests accompanied by members and at least 25 slips, boat parking spaces, or berth for boats.

The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day. A license holder generally may not sell beer, wine, or liquor after 2 a.m. on Sunday.

Local Fiscal Effect: Anne Arundel County revenues increase by \$525 annually for each Class C small yacht club license issued under the bill. The *Marina Inventory of Anne Arundel County (2018)* reports there were 13 yacht clubs in the county in fiscal 2018. For *illustrative purposes only*, if all 13 applied for the license, Anne Arundel County revenues increase by \$6,825 annually. Any increase in inspections and enforcement activity can likely be absorbed by Anne Arundel County with existing resources.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: SB 239 (Senator Reilly) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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