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Senate Bill 950 (Wicomico County Senators)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Wicomico County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor
Licenses – Hours

This bill expands the authorized days in which a holder of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license in Wicomico County may sell beer, wine, and liquor to Monday through *Sunday*, from 6 a.m. to midnight instead of Monday through Saturday, from 6 a.m. to midnight. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2021.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect Wicomico County operations or finances, as discussed below.

Small Business Effect: Overall minimal, but potential meaningful for the holder of a Class A BWL alcoholic beverages license able to sell alcoholic beverages on Sundays under the bill.

Analysis

Current Law: A holder of a Class A BWL license may sell beer, wine, and liquor on Monday through Saturday, from 6 a.m. to midnight. The Wicomico County Board of License Commissioners may only issue a Class A BWL license to an establishment that has been (1) issued a Class B license, and (2) continually operating as a restaurant in the county since at least three months before the application of the license. The board may not issue a license to an establishment that is a corporation or limited liability company unless the license applicant owns 75% of the total issued capital stock of the corporation or the

limited liability company. The board may not issue more than three Class A BWL licenses in the county.

Local Fiscal Effect: Wicomico County advises there are three Class A BWL licenses issued for use in the county. The Wicomico County Board of License Commissioners can handle any enforcement activity with existing resources.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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