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House Bill 856

(Washington County Delegation)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Washington County - Alcoholic Beverages - University and College Hospitality
Beer, Wine, and Liquor License**

This bill establishes a university and college hospitality beer, wine, and liquor license in Washington County. The license authorizes the license holder to allow the preparation, serving, and consumption of beer, wine, and liquor by individuals who are least 21 years old and are registered in a hospitality and tourism management class offered by the license holder. A license holder must submit to the Washington County Board of License Commissioners a form documenting the dates and hours of a hospitality and tourism management class at least 14 days before the class begins, and activities authorized by the license may only be conducted on the licensed premises during the class dates and hours. The annual license fee is \$750, and the annual fee for a Sunday permit is \$250. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2022.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Washington County revenues increase for each license and/or Sunday permit issued under the bill. Washington County operations or expenditures are not materially affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The board may issue a university and college hospitality beer, wine, and liquor license to an institution of higher education that offers a hospitality and tourism management degree program. As part of the license application, an applicant must provide to the board (1) a drawing and description of the designated area where the preparing, serving, or consuming of alcoholic beverages during the hospitality and management class will take place and (2) the location of the locked storage facility where the alcoholic beverages will be stored when not in use. A license expires on June 30 immediately following the issuance of the license.

A license holder must ensure that at least one instructor of a hospitality and tourism management class is (1) certified by an alcohol awareness program and (2) present during the dates and hours of the class.

A license holder must allow the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (or its designee), the board (or its designee), or a peace officer of the county, to inspect and search the licensed premises at any time. In addition, a license holder must comply with municipal ordinances and fire and health department regulations.

A license holder may purchase beer, wine, and liquor from a holder of a retail or wholesaler's license.

“Hospitality and tourism management degree program” means a degree program at an institution of higher education that offers classes that provide a comprehensive study of alcoholic beverages with an emphasis on the origin, production, classification, and service of beer, wine, and liquor. It includes classes that study bartending, alcohol awareness, liability, and the responsible serving of alcoholic beverages.

Current Law: Under § 10-101 of the Education Article, “institution of higher education” means an institution of postsecondary education that generally limits enrollment to graduates of secondary schools and awards degrees at either the associate, baccalaureate, or graduate level. It includes public, private nonprofit, and for-profit institutions of higher education.

Additional Information

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