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Third Reader

House Bill 1116
Economic Matters

(Charles County Delegation)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Charles County - Alcoholic Beverages - Abeyance of License

This bill authorizes the Charles County Board of License Commissioners to hold a license in abeyance until either the board issues the license to a new license holder or one year elapses. If the board does not issue the license to a new license holder within one year after the date the license is relinquished or revoked, the license must be considered extinguished. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2022.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect Charles County finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Generally, the board may revoke or suspend a license following a complaint from specified persons or on the board's initiative. A license holder is entitled to a hearing on the charges and must receive notice of the hearing at least 10 days in advance. A license may be revoked or suspended at the discretion of a local board for any reason to promote the peace or safety of the community or for certain specified offenses in statute.

After revoking a license, a local board may not issue another license to the person whose license is revoked, may not issue any license for the same premises for six months after the

revocation, and may decide to not issue another license for the same premises. The same restrictions apply to licenses held on behalf of a corporation, partnership, or unincorporated association.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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