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House Bill 1118  
Economic Matters

(Delegate Beitzel)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Garrett County Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2022

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This bill establishes a barbershop and beauty salon beer and wine license in Garrett County. The bill also increases the number of (1) beer festival licenses; (2) beer and wine festival licenses; and (3) wine festival licenses that the Garrett County Board of License Commissioners may issue per year, as specified. The bill also authorizes that each festival may last up to three consecutive days, as specified. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2022.**

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Garrett County revenues increase by at least \$200, beginning in FY 2023, for each barbershop and beauty salon license issued under the bill, and county revenues will also increase to the extent additional festival licenses are issued under the bill. Garrett County operations and expenditures are not materially affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful.

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Analysis

**Bill Summary/Current Law:**

*Barbershop and Beauty Salon Beer and Wine License*

The bill authorizes the board to issue a barbershop and beauty salon beer and wine license to a holder of a barbershop permit or a beauty salon permit, as issued under the Business Occupations and Professions Article. The license authorizes the holder to provide up to

two 12-ounce offerings of beer, or two 6-ounce offerings of wine by the glass, for on-premises consumption by a customer while the customer is provided a barbering service or a cosmetology service, or while the customer is attending a fundraising event at the barbershop or beauty salon.

The license holder may provide beer and wine during normal business hours but not later than 9 p.m. A license holder may provide beer and wine on a Sunday in any election district or precinct of an election district in which the voters in a referendum authorized by law approved Sunday sales. An establishment for which the license is issued is subject to the alcohol awareness training requirements under § 4-505 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article.

The annual license fee is \$200, and the board must charge an equal one-time issuing fee for a new license.

### *Festival Licenses*

Currently, in Garrett County, the board may issue (1) up to two beer festival licenses each year, for festivals lasting up to two consecutive days, as specified; (2) one beer and wine festival license, for an annual festival on the second Saturday of September; and (3) one wine festival license each year, for a wine festival lasting one or two days, as specified.

The bill authorizes the board to reissue, for each type of festival, up to four licenses each year, for festivals lasting up to three consecutive days.

**Small Business Effect:** Small businesses potentially benefit from increased economic activity resulting from more frequent, and longer-lasting, festivals throughout the county.

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## **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Designated Cross File:** SB 415 (Senator Edwards) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

**Information Source(s):** Garrett County; Alcohol and Tobacco Commission; Department of Legislative Services

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