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(Senator Watson)

Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Cigar Lounge License

This bill establishes a Class B-CL (cigar lounge) beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license in Prince George's County and authorizes the Prince George's County Board of License Commissioners to issue the license for use in a cigar lounge for on-premises consumption only. The annual license fee is \$900. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2024.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George's County license fee revenues increase by approximately \$9,000 annually beginning in FY 2025 from the issuance of 10 Class B-CL BWL licenses. Prince George's County can handle any additional enforcement activity using existing budgeted resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal overall, but potential meaningful for a cigar lounge that is able to sell beer, wine, and liquor under the bill.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The Class B-CL license may sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours and days designated for a Class C BWL license. The hours and days are (1) on Monday through Saturday, from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. the following day, and (2) on Sunday, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. the following day.

Current Law: The board is authorized to issue multiple types of Class B alcoholic beverages licenses that allow the sale of beer, wine, or liquor, as specified, under the type of license issued.

Indoor Smoking Restriction

Beginning on February 1, 2008, a person in Maryland generally may not smoke in (1) an indoor area open to the public; (2) an indoor place in which meetings are open to the public; (3) a government-owned or government-operated means of mass transportation; or (4) an indoor place of employment. A retail business that is a sole proprietorship, limited liability company, corporation, partnership, or other enterprise in which the primary activity is the sale of tobacco or similar products is exempt from the restriction.

Local Revenues: The annual license fee for a Class B-CL license is \$900. Prince George's County estimates issuing 10 Class B-CL licenses in fiscal 2025; therefore, Prince George's County license fee revenues increase by \$9,000 starting in fiscal 2025.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: None.

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