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Senate Bill 344 (Senator Exum)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Drive-Through Purchase
Facilities

This bill prohibits the Board of License Commissioners in Prince George's County from issuing any new alcoholic beverages license of any class for use in a drive-through purchase facility.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2009 and applies only prospectively to licenses issued after the effective date.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. This bill will not impact drive-through facilities that already hold an alcoholic beverages license. Future license fee revenues will not be affected because license fees for establishments with drive-through windows are the same for establishments without these facilities.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal impact on businesses with drive-through windows that were hoping to obtain an alcoholic beverages license in the future.

Analysis

Current Law: There is no law in Prince George's County permitting or prohibiting the board of license commissioners from transferring or issuing an alcoholic beverages license for use at a drive-through purchase facility.

Background: Other counties, including Cecil, Frederick, and Harford, prohibit the transfer of certain alcoholic beverages licenses for use at a drive-through purchase facility. The Board of License Commissioners in Prince George's County advises there are currently 41 drive-through purchase facilities in the county that hold an alcoholic beverages license.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: SB0130 LR0578 2008 EHE

Cross File: None.

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