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House Bill 360
Economic Matters

(St. Mary's County Delegation)

St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Sunday Sales at a Bar or Counter

This bill repeals the prohibition against a holder of a (1) Class B beer and wine (BW) license; (2) Class B beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license; (3) Class C BWL license; or (4) Class D BWL license in St. Mary's County from selling alcoholic beverages at a bar or counter on Sunday. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2019.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill is not anticipated to materially affect St. Mary's County finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: Generally, a holder of a (1) Class B BW license; (2) Class B BWL license; (3) Class C BWL license; or (4) Class D BWL license in St. Mary's County may not sell alcoholic beverages at a bar or counter on Sunday.

Background: In fiscal 2018, 166 alcoholic beverages licenses were issued for use in St. Mary's County, including 8 Class B BW licenses, 58 Class B BWL licenses, and 49 Class D BWL licenses. There were no Class C BWL licenses issued in St. Mary's County in fiscal 2018.

Small Business Effect: Small business holders of specified licenses may see an increase in sales due to being authorized to sell alcoholic beverages to customers at a bar or counter on Sunday.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): St. Mary's County; Comptroller's Office; Department of Legislative Services

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