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Economic Matters

(Delegate O'Donnell, *et al.*)

Calvert County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Retirement Communities

This bill authorizes the Calvert County Board of License Commissioners to issue a continuing care retirement community on-sale beer, wine, and liquor license to a club at a retirement community that (1) is composed of residents of a continuing care retirement community that has obtained a certificate of registration from the Maryland Department of Aging; (2) has at least 50 bona fide members; and (3) has annual dues that average at least \$5 per member. The annual license fee is set at \$500. The license authorizes the licensee to keep for sale and to sell at retail beer, wine, and liquor to any member or a guest when accompanied by a member at the place described in the license.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2013.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Calvert County revenues increase by \$500 annually for each continuing care retirement community license issued. Issuing and monitoring the licenses can be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Class C club beer, wine, and liquor licenses generally authorize various clubs, including veterans' clubs; fraternal organizations; interest groups; and athletic, social, or cultural organizations, to keep for sale and to sell alcoholic beverages for

consumption on the licensed premises. In Calvert County, there are three Class C club licenses that the county board may issue: (1) bona fide yacht clubs; (2) country clubs; and (3) bona fide post homes of posts of the American Legion or Veterans of Foreign Wars.

A continuing care retirement community provides shelter and either medical and nursing or other health-related services, or makes the services readily accessible through the provider or an affiliate of the provider, whether or not the services are specifically offered in the written agreement for shelter:

- to an individual who is at least 60 years old and not related by blood or marriage to the provider;
- for the life of the individual or for a period exceeding one year; and
- under one or more written agreements that require a transfer of assets or an entrance fee notwithstanding periodic charges.

Background: The Maryland Department of Aging advises that, under the bill, only one continuing care retirement community in Calvert County would be eligible, which is Asbury Solomons Island. Asbury Solomons Island has 300 independent living units, 30 assisted living beds, and 48 comprehensive nursing beds.

Local Revenues: Assuming the one qualified continuing care retirement community applies for and is granted a license, Calvert County revenues would increase by \$500 in fiscal 2014.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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