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House Bill 1243
Ways and Means

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Budget and Taxation

Prince George's County - Personal Property Tax Exemption for Small
Manufacturers
PG 423-26

This bill establishes a personal property tax exemption in Prince George’s County for small manufacturing businesses. Under the bill, all personal property, including manufacturing inventory, owned by a manufacturing business that holds a specified alcoholic beverages manufacturer’s license and has 50 or fewer employees is exempt from county and municipal personal property taxes. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2026, and applies to all taxable years beginning after June 30, 2026.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George’s County property tax revenues decrease by approximately \$1,300 and Riverdale Park property tax revenues decrease by approximately \$12,500 annually beginning in FY 2027. Local expenditures are not affected. **This bill imposes a mandate on a unit of local government.**

Small Business Effect: Meaningful impact for one small business.

Analysis

Current Law: Prince George’s County imposes property taxes on both real and personal property. Personal property tax returns are filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation, which determines assessed values before the county applies its tax rates. Businesses with less than \$20,000 in personal property, including inventory, are exempt.

The county does not currently provide a personal property tax exemption based on the number of employees.

Local Fiscal Effect: The bill applies to one brewery located in the Town of Riverdale Park (Prince George’s County). The facility has a county personal property tax assessment of \$58,620 and a town personal property tax assessment of \$626,240 for fiscal 2026. As a result, county property tax revenues decrease by approximately \$1,300 and Riverdale Park property tax revenues decrease by approximately \$12,500 annually beginning in fiscal 2027. The estimate is based on a county personal property tax rate of \$2.202 per \$100 of assessment and a town personal property tax rate of \$2.00 per \$100 of assessment.

Small Business Effect: One brewery in Riverdale Park will benefit from reduced tax liabilities which may in turn allow money to be used for other purposes.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Prince George’s County; Maryland Municipal League; State Department of Assessments and Taxation; Department of Legislative Services

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