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House Bill 406 (Prince George's County Delegation)
Government, Labor, and Elections

**Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Multiple Licenses Prohibition -
Exceptions
PG 313-26**

This bill removes the prohibition against the Prince George’s County Board of License Commissioners issuing multiple Class B (on-sale) beer and wine, or Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) licenses to the same person or premises. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Prince George’s County revenues increase to the extent that the board issues additional Class B licenses under the bill. Prince George’s County can handle any additional enforcement activity with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Generally, a person cannot have an interest in more than one alcoholic beverages license issued in Prince George’s County. However, the prohibition on holding multiple licenses does not apply in Prince George’s County to certain license holders, including bowling establishments, Class B-ECF/DS (education conference facility/dining service) BWL licenses, and Class BLX luxury restaurant licensees, as specified.

Class B (on-sale) Beer and Wine License

The Class B (on-sale) beer and wine license generally authorizes the license holder to sell beer and light wine at a hotel or restaurant for on-premises consumption only. The annual license fee is \$365.

Class B (on-sale) Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

The Class B (on-sale) BWL license generally authorizes a restaurant to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption only. The annual license fee is \$2,305.

Local Fiscal Effect: For each additional license issued, Prince George's County revenues increase by \$365 for a Class B beer and wine license and \$2,305 for a Class B BWL license.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: None.

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