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House Bill 407 (Prince George's County Delegation)
Government, Labor, and Elections

**Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Prohibition on Transfer
of Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor License**
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This bill prohibits the Prince George’s County Board of License Commissioners from approving the transfer or sale of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license. If a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license expires or the license holder no longer wishes to retain the license, the license holder must return the license to the board. The board is prohibited from reissuing a returned license. **This bill takes effect July 1, 2026.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect Prince George’s County finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Generally, except as specified, the board may not approve the transfer of a license from one location to another for at least two years after the issuance of a new license unless the board determines that the transfer to the new location is necessary to accommodate the public and the transferee has complied with specified residency requirements.

In Prince George's County, Class A beer, wine, and liquor licenses authorize the licensee to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail in a sealed package or container that may not be opened or consumed on the licensed premises. The annual license fee is \$910.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has been introduced within the last three years. See HB 1014 of 2023.

Designated Cross File: None.

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