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House Bill 558

(Prince George's County Delegation)

Government, Labor, and Elections

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Prince George's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Wine Festival Licenses
PG 316-26

This bill renames the Prince George’s County Wine Festival license to be the wine festival license and makes conforming changes. The bill authorizes the Prince George’s County Board of License Commissioners to issue multiple wine festival licenses annually by repealing the previous limit of one license the board was authorized to issue each year. The bill also repeals a provision that prohibited the board from issuing a wine festival license in the 24th legislative district. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2026.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

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

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: The board may issue one Prince George’s County Wine Festival license each year to the holder of a retail alcoholic beverages license, a Class 3 winery license, or a Class 4 limited winery license. Each year, the board must choose the location and weekend for the wine festival; however, the wine festival must not be located in the 24th legislative district. The license holder is authorized to display and sell wine that is manufactured and processed in any state and distributed in Maryland when the license application is filed.

Local Revenues: Prince George's County advises they anticipate issuing up to three additional wine festival licenses annually under the bill. The current license fee is \$75.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: None.

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