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House Bill 582 (Prince George's County Delegation)
Government, Labor, and Elections

**Prince George's County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Voter Registration
Requirement PG 318–26**

This bill repeals the requirement that individuals must be registered voters to apply for specified alcoholic beverages licenses in Prince George's County. **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

Bill Summary/Current Law: The bill repeals the requirement, in Prince George's County, that an individual must be a registered voter to apply for the following licenses:

- a class C (country club) beer, wine, and liquor license;
- a class C (country and golf club) beer, wine, and liquor license;
- a class B/ECF (educational conference facility) beer, wine, and liquor license;
- a class B-ECF/DS (education conference facility/dining service) beer, wine, and liquor license; and
- a class C (yacht club) beer, wine, and liquor license;

The bill also repeals the registered voter requirement in the county for an application for a license on behalf of a sole proprietorship or partnership; and an application for a license on behalf of a corporation, an incorporated club, or limited liability company, as specified.

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; Department of Legislative Services

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