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House Bill 960
Economic Matters

(Delegate Mosby, *et al.*)

Alcoholic Beverages - Local Licenses - Prohibited Transfers

This bill prohibits a local licensing board from allowing the transfer of an alcoholic beverages license if the current license holder has pending criminal charges or disciplinary matters before the board that arise out of an incident or circumstance involving the license or licensed premises.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not directly affect State operations or finances.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect local operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful. The bill may delay or terminate the transfer of an alcoholic beverages license to a new small business.

Analysis

Current Law: Local boards of license commissioners in the State primarily issue and oversee retail alcoholic beverages licenses in their jurisdictions.

Generally, a license holder is authorized to transfer the license holder's place of business to some other location or to transfer the license and license holder's inventory to another person. Such a transfer may only be made if (1) the local licensing board approves of the transfer; (2) all appropriate taxes have been paid to the Comptroller; and (3) a transfer permit has been obtained, as appropriate.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Worcester County; Comptroller's Office; Department of Legislative Services

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