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Senate Bill 384

(Senator Mathias)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Alcoholic Beverages - Limited Distillery License - Retail Sales

This bill increases the amount of liquor that may be sold at retail under a Class 9 limited distillery license from 15,500 gallons to 31,000 gallons. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

Fiscal Summary

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

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 308 of 2016 authorized the Comptroller to issue a Class 9 limited distillery license to a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license holder or a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license holder in any jurisdiction in the State if the license authorizes sales for both on- and off-premises consumption. The Class 9 license authorizes the license holder to distill, rectify, bottle, or sell up to 100,000 gallons of brandy, rum, whiskey, alcohol, and neutral spirits each year. The license also authorizes the sale of up to 15,500 gallons of liquor at retail.

Background: In February 2018, there were two Class 9 limited distillery licenses issued in the State.

Small Business Effect: Small business Class 9 limited distillery license holders can sell at retail significantly more liquor under the bill.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 509 (Delegate Carozza, *et al.*) - Economic Matters.

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