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Senate Bill 483 (Senator Edwards)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Allegany County - Alcoholic Beverages - Minimum Age to Serve Liquor

This bill decreases the minimum age to serve liquor in Allegany County from age 21 to age 18, making the minimum age to serve liquor consistent with the minimum age to serve beer and light wine.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2016.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Allegany County can continue to monitor minimum age requirements with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: A license holder in Allegany County may employ an individual between ages 18 and 21. To serve beer and light wine, an individual is required to be at least age 18. To serve liquor, an individual is required to be at least age 21.

Background: In fiscal 2015, there were a total of 157 alcoholic beverages licenses issued for use in Allegany County, 93 of which were beer, wine, and liquor licenses. The Allegany County Board of License Commissioners advises that there have been no recent arrests or citations for underage individuals serving liquor in the county.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 543 (Allegany County Delegation) - Economic Matters.

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