**LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE**

COMMITTEE REPORT

February 11, 2021

**Title: PG 317–21 – Alcoholic Beverages – Sunday Off–Sale Permits**

**Sponsor:** Delegate Washington

**Amendments:** Yes

**Recommendation: FWA (5–0)**

**Summary:**

The bill authorizes the Prince George’s County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Sunday off–sale permit to the holder of any Class A license or any Class B license with an off–sale privilege.

The bill further clarifies that if a Sunday off–sale permit is issued to the holder of a Class B license with an off–sale privilege, the holder does not need to comply with any restaurant or food requirement. The bill also clarifies the annual fees for a Sunday off–sale permit for holders of a Class A license and a Class B license with an off–sale privilege and establishes that the annual permit fees are in addition to annual fees for the licenses themselves.

The bill prohibits the Board of License Commissioners from approving a license renewal for a license holder or stockholder of a corporation that uses the license in the case of a felony that is related to operations under the license. This prohibition lasts no fewer than 10 years after the date of the felony conviction. The Board of License Commissioners is required to revoke a license if the license holder or a stockholder of a corporation that uses the license is convicted of a felony related to operations under the license.

Lastly, in addition to any administrative penalty that may apply, a license holder or an employee of a license holder who sells or provides alcohol to an individual under 21 years of age is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment not to exceed 4 years or a fine not exceeding $2,000 or both.

**Background:**

Currently, in Prince George’s County, Sunday off-sale permits can be issued to Class A or Class B beer, wine, and liquor license holders with off-sale privileges. The permit authorizes the sale of alcoholic beverages for consumption off the licensed premises on Sunday only from 8 a.m. to midnight.

**Prior Introduction:** None

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| BY: Delegate Washington  (To be offered in the Prince George’s County Law Enforcement Subcommittee) | |

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 974

(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 4, strike “**317–20**” and substitute “**317–21**”; and in line 11, after “requirements;” insert “repealing the limit on the number of Sunday off–sale permits that may be in effect at any one time;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 24, strike “(i)”; strike beginning with “Subject” in line 24 down through “except” in line 25; in line 25, before “as” insert “**Except**”; in line 27, strike “1.” and substitute “**(i)**”; and in line 28, strike “2.” and substitute “**(ii)**”.

On pages 3 and 4, strike in their entirety the lines beginning with line 30 on page 3 through line 1 on page 4, inclusive.

On page 4, strike in their entirety lines 2 and 3; strike line 24 in its entirety; and in line 25, strike “(g)” and substitute “**(f)**”.

**EXPLANATION OF AMENDMENTS:**

AMENDMENT NO. 1

Technical.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

Repeals certain provisions regarding certain Class A and Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses where the license holder acquired the license on or after January 1, 2016. It also repeals the limitation on the number of Sunday off–sale permits that may be in effect at any one time.