

HOUSE BILL 1154  
EMERGENCY BILL

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2000 Regular Session  
(01r2885)

**ENROLLED BILL**

-- Economic Matters/Economic and Environmental Affairs --

Introduced by **Delegates Dypski, Burns, Cole, Dobson, Doory, Fulton,  
Gladden, Hammen, Harrison, A. Jones, Klausmeier, Krysiak, Kirk,  
Marriott, McIntosh, Montague, Oaks, Paige, Phillips, Rawlings,  
Rosenberg, and Branch**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this  
\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

CHAPTER 461

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Closing Hours for Licensed Premises**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring in Baltimore City a licensed premises to cease all  
4 operations after a certain time; authorizing the Board of Liquor License  
5 Commissioners to exempt certain persons for certain purposes; entitling certain  
6 pharmacies to sell certain products under certain circumstances; *providing an*  
7 *exception applicable to certain hotels*; making this Act an emergency measure;  
8 and generally relating to licensed premises in Baltimore City.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
11 Section 11-304(d)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

1 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
2 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

3 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

4 11-304.

5 (d) (1) [This] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THIS section  
6 does not apply to premises conducted on New Year's Day by on-sale licensees in  
7 Baltimore City.

8 (2) IN BALTIMORE CITY, A LICENSED PREMISES SHALL CEASE ALL  
9 OPERATIONS, INCLUDING THE SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR FOOD AND  
10 PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT, AT THE CLOSING HOUR FOR THAT CLASS OF LICENSED  
11 PREMISES SPECIFIED IN THIS ARTICLE.

12 (3) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE  
13 BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY GRANT AN EXEMPTION FOR  
14 REMAINING OPEN AFTER HOURS TO:

15 (I) A HOLDER OF A CLASS B RESTAURANT LICENSE, ONLY FOR  
16 SERVING FOOD TO PATRONS SEATED FOR DINING; OR

17 (II) A PHARMACY THAT FILLS PRESCRIPTIONS.

18 (4) A PHARMACY THAT RECEIVES AN EXEMPTION UNDER PARAGRAPH (3)  
19 OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY ALSO SELL PRODUCTS OTHER THAN ALCOHOL AFTER  
20 NORMAL CLOSING HOURS.

21 (5) NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUR RESTRICTIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH  
22 (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A HOTEL THAT HOLDS A CLASS B LICENSE AND THAT  
23 SERVES FOOD TO SEATED CUSTOMERS OR TO PRIVATE FUNCTIONS OR GUEST  
24 ROOMS MAY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FOOD SERVICE.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
26 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety,  
27 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members  
28 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from  
29 the date it is enacted.