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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 46 (Delegate B. Robinson)  
Economic Matters

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**Baltimore City - 40th and 41st Legislative Districts - Alcoholic Beverages - Store Closing Hours**

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This bill establishes 10 p.m. as the time at which alcoholic beverages sales must stop for establishments with a Class A beer and light wine license or a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license in the 40<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> Legislative Districts in Baltimore City.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2013.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. Baltimore City can handle any additional enforcement activities with existing resources.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful. However, the extent to which shorter hours of sale for the 14 affected businesses cannot be reliably quantified. Such a negative effect would tend to vary by establishment.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** In Maryland, unless otherwise specified in statute, the hours during which the privileges conferred by a Class A beer and light wine license or a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license may be exercised are from 6 a.m. to midnight on every day except Sunday.

**Background:** Because the Baltimore City Board of Liquor License Commissioners does not keep records by legislative districts, the actual number of licensees affected by this bill is unknown. However, the board estimates that there are about 8 affected licensees in the 41<sup>st</sup> Legislative District and about 6 in the 40<sup>th</sup> Legislative District.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** SB 363 and HB 263 of 2012 proposed the same closing hours for the same licensees in the Park Heights Redevelopment Area of Baltimore City. The bills received unfavorable reports by the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, respectively.

**Cross File:** SB 225 (Senators Pugh and Gladden) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee.

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