

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly
2014 Session

FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 793

(Senator Ferguson)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

**Baltimore City - 46th District - Alcoholic Beverages - Class B Beer, Wine and
Liquor Licenses**

This bill authorizes the Baltimore City Board of Liquor License Commissioners to issue or allow the transfer of up to two Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses into a specified area within the 46th Legislative District in Baltimore City under specified conditions.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2014.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Baltimore City finances are not affected since the bill authorizes the transfer of existing licenses only.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill authorizes the board to issue or allow the transfer of up to two Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses into the area of 829 through 919 E. Fort Avenue within the 46th Legislative District in Baltimore City only if the board (1) has executed a memorandum of understanding between the community associations in Riverside and Locust Point regarding the nature of the proposed establishment and (2) enforces the memorandum of understanding against any license holder seeking to renew or transfer the license. The cumulative number of licenses that may be issued or transferred is two.

The board may not allow a license to be transferred out of the area within the 46th Legislative District specified above into any other area of Ward 24, Precinct 5.

Current Law/Background: In general, the board may not issue or transfer an alcoholic beverages license into Ward 1, Precincts 4 and 5; Ward 23 Precinct 1; or Ward 24, Precinct 5 within the 46th Legislative District in Baltimore City. Chapter 13 of 2012 authorized the board to allow a transfer of one Class D license into the residential planned unit development for Silo Point, located in Ward 24, Precinct 5.

The area specified by the bill within the 46th Legislative District is located in Ward 24, Precinct 5.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

Information Source(s): Baltimore City, Department of Legislative Services

Fiscal Note History: First Reader - February 26, 2014
mc/lgc Revised - Senate Third Reader - March 13, 2014

Analysis by: Trevor S. Owen

Direct Inquiries to:
(410) 946-5510
(301) 970-5510