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Senate Bill 1103

(Senator Jones-Rodwell)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Class C Licenses

This bill authorizes the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in ward 5, precinct 1 of the forty-fourth alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2014.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Minimal. Baltimore City's annual license fee revenues increase by \$550 for each Class C beer, wine, and liquor license issued as a result of the bill.

Small Business Effect: Minimal overall, but potential meaningful positive impact for any new Class C beer, wine, and liquor licensee in the forty-fourth alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City.

Analysis

Current Law: In Baltimore City, new licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages may not be issued in the fortieth, forty-first, forty-third, forty-fourth, forty-fifth, or forty-sixth alcoholic beverages districts. The board may issue:

- special one-day licenses;
- Class B beer, wine, and liquor restaurant licenses to bona fide restaurants having (1) a minimum capital investment, not including the cost of land and buildings, of

\$200,000 for restaurant facilities except in the forty-sixth alcoholic beverages district; (2) a minimum seating capacity of 75 persons; and (3) additional requirements for Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses issued in the forty-sixth alcoholic beverages district, as specified; or

- a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in the forty-fifth alcoholic beverages district.

The annual license fee in Baltimore City for a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license is \$550.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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