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Senate Bill 339

(Senator Conway)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Alcoholic Beverages - Baltimore City - Belvedere Square

This bill repeals a prohibition, effective July 1, 2015, on the issuance of a new alcoholic beverages license within, or the transfer of an existing license into a specified geographic area in Baltimore City. Instead, the bill establishes a new prohibition, effective July 1, 2015, on the transfer of an existing Class A license into two specified areas of Baltimore City located near Belvedere Square. The bill also authorizes the consumption of alcoholic beverages within any indoor or outdoor seating area located at specified addresses on East Belvedere Avenue and while crossing East Belvedere Avenue under specified conditions.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2015.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Minimal. The bill is not expected to have a significant operational or fiscal impact on Baltimore City.

Small Business Effect: Minimal overall, but potential meaningful impact on any small business that is able to obtain a new alcohol beverages license in specified areas of Baltimore City. Small businesses in the Belvedere Square area of Baltimore City also benefit from the bill's changes regarding permissible consumption.

Analysis

Bill Summary: Beginning July 1, 2015, an existing Class A (off-sale) license may not be transferred to (1) an establishment on York Road in the area bounded by Northern Parkway

on the north and Greenmount Avenue on the south or (2) an establishment located in the 400 block of East Belvedere Avenue. Within the planned unit development for Belvedere Square, alcoholic beverages purchased from any licensed establishment located at 511 through 529 East Belvedere Avenue may be consumed (1) within any indoor or outdoor seating area located at those same addresses on East Belvedere Avenue and (2) while crossing from the south side of East Belvedere Avenue to the north side of East Belvedere Avenue during a permitted special event that results in the closure of East Belvedere Avenue.

Current Law: Beginning July 1, 2015, a new alcoholic beverages license may not be issued within and an existing license may not be transferred into the area bounded by Northern Parkway on the north, Bellona Avenue on the west, Orkney Road on the south, and Evesham Avenue on the east.

Background: Belvedere Square is a retail shopping and restaurant area in North Baltimore City, located at the southeast corner of York Road and Northern Parkway.

Additional Information

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