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House Bill 22

(Delegate Gibson, *et al.*)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Hours of Sale - References to Park Heights Redevelopment Area**

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This emergency bill removes the hours of sale restrictions that apply to the following alcoholic beverages license holders located in an area of Baltimore City bounded by Liberty Heights Avenue, Northern Parkway, Druid Park Drive, and Wabash Avenue: (1) a Class B beer and light wine; (2) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor; (3) a Class C beer and light wine; and (4) a Class C beer, wine, and liquor. The hours of sale for the specified license holders in this area are from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day or 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. if located in an area specified in the Park Heights Master Plan adopted by the City in 2006. The closing hour of sale for the remaining alcoholic beverages license holders in the specified area is extended from 9 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The bill also removes references to the “Park Heights Redevelopment Area” in provisions that pertain to the hours of sale for beer and light wine and beer, wine, and liquor licenses. **These provisions of the bill take effect July 1, 2018.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Baltimore City can handle enforcement with existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Potentially meaningful to the extent that license holders in the affected area extend hours of sale as specified in the bill.

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## Analysis

**Current Law:** An alcoholic beverages license holder located in an area of Baltimore City bounded by Liberty Heights Avenue, Northern Parkway, Druid Park Drive, and Wabash Avenue may not begin sales before 9 a.m. or end after 9 p.m. and may not extend hours if they begin later than 9 a.m. or end before 9 p.m.

Generally, the license holders specified in the bill may conduct sales between 6 a.m. and 2 a.m. the following day, unless located in the Park Heights Redevelopment Area or within the boundaries mentioned above. License holders in the Park Heights Redevelopment Area may sell alcoholic beverages between 9 a.m. and 2 a.m.

*Class B Beer and Light Wine License:* The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer and light wine at a hotel or restaurant, at retail, at the place described in the license, for on- and off-premises consumption. The annual license fee is \$165.

*Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor License:* The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at a hotel or restaurant at the place described in the license, for on- or off-premises consumption. The annual license fees are:

- \$1,320 for a licensed premises with a seating capacity of up to 200 individuals; and
- \$1,800 for a licensed premises with a seating capacity of more than 200 individuals.

In addition, the license holder annually must pay \$500 if the license holder provides live entertainment and \$200 if the license holder provides outdoor table service.

*Class C Beer and Light Wine License:* The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer and light wine to a member of a club and a guest of the member, at retail, for on-premises consumption. The annual license fee is \$82.50.

*Class C Beer, Wine, and Liquor License:* The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at a club for on-premises consumption. The annual license fee is \$550.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

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