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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
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Senate Bill 243

(Senator Robinson)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

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**Baltimore City – Park Heights Redevelopment Area – Alcoholic Beverages**

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This bill removes references to the “Park Heights Redevelopment Area” of Baltimore City in provisions establishing hours of operation for Class A beer and light wine, Class A beer, wine, and liquor, and Class B-D-7 beer, wine, and liquor license holders located within that area. Instead, the bill applies the modified hours of sale to the specified license holders located in the area defined in the Park Heights Master Plan adopted by the City in 2006. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Baltimore City can handle the bill’s requirements with existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law/Background:**

*The Park Heights Redevelopment Area*

According to the Park Heights Master Plan adopted by Baltimore City in 2006, Park Heights lies approximately 10 miles northwest of downtown Baltimore and within two miles of the Baltimore County line. It is bounded on the south by Druid Park Drive, on the west by Wabash Avenue, on the east by Greenspring Avenue, and on the north by

Northern Parkway. The major redevelopment area within Park Heights includes roughly 60 acres of land with a high concentration of vacant buildings and lots. Generally, alcoholic package stores in this area may not open before 9 a.m. for retail sales.

#### *Class A Beer and Light Wine License*

The Class A beer and light wine license authorizes the sale of beer and light wine at retail. The license holder must sell the beer and light wine in a sealed package or container, which may not be opened or consumed on the premises where the beer or light wine is sold. The annual license fee is \$110.

Subject to specified restrictions, a license holder may sell beer and light wine on Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to midnight, in the Park Heights Redevelopment Area and from 6 a.m. to midnight in most other locations in the city.

#### *Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor License*

The Class A beer, wine, and liquor license authorizes a holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license. The license holder must deliver the beer, wine, or liquor in a sealed package or container that may not be opened or its contents consumed on the licensed premises. A license may not be issued for a drugstore unless the applicant (1) has been doing business at the location applied for in the license for at least one year before the date of the application for the license; (2) is the assignee of a business established for at least one year before the date of the application for the license at the location applied for; or (3) has been engaged in the retail drug business for at least three years. The annual license fee is \$858.

Subject to specified restrictions, a license holder may sell beer and light wine on Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to midnight, in the Park Heights Redevelopment Area and from 6 a.m. to midnight in all other locations in the city.

#### *Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License*

The Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners may issue a Class B-D-7 license if the board determines that the license is reasonably necessary for the convenience of the public. In making the determination, the board must consider the number of beer, wine, and liquor outlets in a given area and the number of days the outlets are open, rather than the nature of the outlets.

The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on- and off-premises consumption from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day in the Park Heights

Redevelopment Area and from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day in most other locations in the city. The annual license fee is \$1,320.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** Although HB 470 (Delegate Mosby - Economic Matters) is designated as a cross file, the bills are not identical.

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

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