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Economic Matters

(Delegate Ali, *et al.*)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Reissuance of Licenses (Community
Liquor Empowerment Act of 2018)**

This bill authorizes the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to reissue a Class B-D-7 beer, wine, and liquor license as a seven-day beer, wine, and liquor (package goods) license if the licensed premises is (1) within the 41st Legislative District and (2) equipped with high-definition cameras that provide continuous, 24-hour monitoring inside and outside the licensed premises. The license authorizes the retail sale of beer, wine, and liquor from 9 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Sunday. The bill also establishes additional fines on a license holder for selling alcohol to underage individuals. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Potential minimal increase in Baltimore City revenues from the imposition of fines. Baltimore City can handle the bill's requirements with existing budgeted resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Bill Summary: A license holder that unlawfully sells or provides alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of 21 years is subject to, (1) for a first offense, a fine of at least \$1,500 up to a maximum of \$3,000 and, (2) for a second or subsequent offense, a license suspension or revocation.

Current Law:

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

The board may issue a Class B-D-7 license if it 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 at retail at the place described in the license, for on- and off-premises consumption from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day. The hours of sale for a license holder in the Park Heights Redevelopment Area is from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day. The hours of sale for a license holder in an area bounded by Liberty Heights Avenue, Northern Parkway, Druid Park Drive, and Wabash Avenue are from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The annual license fee is \$1,320.

Class A-2 Beer, Wine, and Liquor (Package Goods) License

A Class A-2 beer, wine, and liquor (package goods) license authorizes the sale of beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license, in a sealed package or container that may not be opened or consumed on the licensed premises. The hours and days of sale for the license are from 9 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Saturday, and the annual license fee is \$858.

A Class B-D-7 beer, wine, and liquor license may not be reissued as a Class A-2 license. A Class A-2 license may not be converted or substituted for any other class of license, including a Class B-D-7 beer, wine, and liquor license.

Restrictions on Selling or Serving Alcoholic Beverages to Underage Individuals

A license holder or an employee of the license holder may not sell or provide alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of 21 years. A license holder, a proprietor, or an operator of an establishment may not allow on-premises consumption or possession of alcoholic beverages by an individual under the age of 21 years, regardless of who purchased or obtained the alcoholic beverages.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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