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Senate Bill 1079
Finance

(Senator McCray)

Economic Matters

Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - License Extensions

This bill specifies, in Baltimore City, that a Class B-D-7 license issued for a premises in the 5517 block of Harford Road must be considered unexpired until July 1, 2025, for the purpose of transfer to another owner at this location, if the applicant enters into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Hamilton Community Association. The bill also specifies that a Class B-D-7 license issued for a premises in the 2200 block of East Fayette Street must be considered unexpired until July 1, 2025, for the purposes of renewal to the current license year, and transfer to a different applicant at this location, if the applicant enters into an MOU with the Cleaning, Active, Restoring, Efforts Community Association, as specified. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2024, and terminates July 31, 2025.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Baltimore City revenues may increase minimally in FY 2025 to the extent a transfer and/or renewal of licenses occurs under the bill.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: The Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners may issue a Class B-D-7 license if it determines, upon consideration of the number of beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) outlets in the affected area and the outlets' days of sale, that the license is reasonably necessary for public convenience. A Class B-D-7 license authorizes the licensee

to sell BWL for on- and off-premises consumption. The annual license fee is \$1,320, and the renewal fee is \$50.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: HB 1235 (Delegates Addison and Young) - Economic Matters.

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