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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE  
First Reader

House Bill 784

(Delegate Clippinger, *et al.*)

Economic Matters

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Baltimore City - 46th Alcoholic Beverages District - Licenses

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This bill authorizes the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to issue a license in or approve the transfer of a license to a location in the 46th alcoholic beverages district, as specified, if the license holder has received a letter of support from the place of worship or school that is within the bounded area *and* has entered into a memorandum of understanding with a community association that is within the bounded area. The bill also extends the date, from July 1, 2025, to July 1, 2028, through which a Class B license issued for a premises in the 3500 block of Boston Street must be considered unexpired for the purpose of completing a transfer of ownership and a transfer of location to a premises in the 3600 block of Boston Street. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2025.**

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** The bill does not materially affect Baltimore City finances or operations.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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Analysis

**Current Law:**

*Distance Restriction from Place of Worship or School*

Generally, in the 46th alcoholic beverages district, a new license may not be issued for and an existing license may not be moved to an establishment that is within 300 feet of the

nearest point of the place of worship or school unless the license holder has received a letter of support from a place of worship or school that is within the bounded area, as specified.

*Expiration, Transfer, and Conversion of Licenses*

Chapters 1026 and 1027 of 2024 required a Class B license for a premises in the 3500 block of Boston Street to be considered unexpired until July 1, 2025, for the purpose of completing a transfer of ownership and a transfer of location to a premises in the 3600 block of Boston Street.

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**Additional Information**

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

**Designated Cross File:** SB 662 (Senator Ferguson) - Finance.

**Information Source(s):** Department of Legislative Services

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