# **Department of Legislative Services**

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## FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE First Reader

House Bill 346

(Delegates Boyce and Embry)

**Economic Matters** 

#### Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - 43rd Alcoholic Beverages District - Class B-D-7 Licenses

This bill authorizes the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to issue, in the 43rd alcoholic beverages district, one Class B-D-7 license in the 2600 block of Huntingdon Avenue, one Class B-D-7 license in the 300 block of West 29th Street, and three Class B-D-7 licenses in the 2700 block of Huntingdon Avenue provided that (1) at least 51% of the applicant's average daily receipts come from the sale of items other than package goods; (2) the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the Greater Remington Improvement Association; and (3) the applicant does not create a separate package goods department. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2025.** 

### **Fiscal Summary**

State Effect: None.

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

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

#### **Analysis**

**Current Law:** The board generally may not issue a new alcoholic beverages license in the 40th, 41st, 43rd, 44th, or 45th alcoholic beverages districts unless the authorization to issue specified licenses in these districts is otherwise provided for in statute.

Generally, the board may issue a Class B-D-7 license if it determines, upon consideration of the number of beer, wine, and liquor 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 beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license, for on- and off-premises consumption. The annual license fee is \$2,336.

#### **Additional Information**

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

**Designated Cross File:** SB 788 (Senator M. Washington) - Finance.

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

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