

[2024 - 02.19] HB1198 40th District Liquor Bill -

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**Testimony of Delegate Marlon Amprey in Support of House Bill 1198 40th District
Liquor Bill**

Dear Chair Wilson, Vicechair Crosby, and Members of Economic Matters Committee,

This bill introduces the concept of a Class M–F license tailored for use at a municipal bowling alley and skating rink located on the odd side of the 1600 block of Pennsylvania Avenue, specifically Shake and Bake, a local bowling alley and skating rink. This license allows for the sale of beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption during specified hours, subject to certain conditions and regulations set forth by the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City.

Furthermore, the bill authorizes the issuance of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license to restaurants that: have a minimum capital investment, not including cost of land or buildings, of 200k for restaurant facilities; and have a minimum seating capacity of 75 individuals and is located on the even side of the 400 Block of West 29th St at an establishment known as Fishnet. Lastly, the bill allows for a certain Class A license on the odd side of East Biddle Street to remain unexpired until July 1, 2025 for the purpose of renewal.

In conclusion, this proposed legislation represents a thoughtful and comprehensive approach to addressing alcoholic beverage regulations within the 40th District of Baltimore City. By establishing new license categories, updating existing provisions, and ensuring adequate oversight, it aims to strike a balance between supporting local businesses and promoting responsible alcohol consumption. There will be amendments forthcoming to further ensure the proper implementation of these suggested regulations.

For these reasons, I urge you to vote favorably on HB1198.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marlon Amprey".

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