

February 12, 2024

HB 1235

Bill Title: Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages -License Extensions

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and members of the committee,

I am writing to request a favorable vote for HB 1235 by madam delegate Jacqueline Addison. This bill aims to extend the expiration dates of certain alcoholic beverage licenses in Baltimore City until July 1, 2025, facilitating ownership transfers and renewals under specific circumstances.

I am Bikram KC, one of the landlords of the building located at 5517 Harford Rd, Baltimore MD 21214.

The business owners had a difficult time impacted by COVID. The combination of the supply chain and the delayed project by the contractor made it very hard to complete the renovation in time.

As a new business owner, they did not know there was an expiration date on the BD7 liquor license. When they went to pick up the license at the liquor board, they learned the license was expired.

They actively took part with community and business leaders and other members. I participated in some of those meeting myself. All the community members were excited and supported the business.

I humbly request a favorable vote for HB 1235 for the benefit of the small business owner and its community.

Respectfully,

Bikram KC

5517 Harford Rd LLC (one of the landlords of the building)

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