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Testimony of Senator Hayes in Support of Senate Bill 927: *Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Related Event Promoter's Permit*

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Dear Chairwoman Beidle and Members of the Finance Committee,

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated, has continued to be a source of cultural and economic success for Baltimore City. This bill was created to enhance the oversight and safety of large events tied to Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated, by ensuring that alcohol service is properly licensed and by establishing accountability for promoters and caterers. This initiative seeks to balance the promotion of tourism with the need for public safety and regulatory compliance.

SB 927 establishes essential application requirements, including the 30 days prior to an event in which a person, or business entity must apply for the permit. It also defines specific terms such as “related event promoter” to include individuals or organizations promoting social events related to Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated. SB 927 defines critical aspects such as the \$50 application fee and penalties in the case this law is violated. This bill expires on December 31, 2027, unless renewed.

SB 927 is a measure to ensure that Baltimore City can safely and responsibly host Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated events. This bill provides the structure needed to manage these events effectively while preserving the economic and cultural benefits that Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated brings to the city.

Thus, I urge you to vote favorably on SB927.

Respectfully,

Senator Antonio L. Hayes

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