



The Senate of Maryland
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SB 642 - Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - 46th Alcoholic Beverages District

Testimony of Senate President Bill Ferguson

On February 20, 2026

Before the Senate Finance Committee

I respectfully urge my colleagues to support Senate Bill 642, the 46th District Delegation's annual local liquor bill.

This year, SB 642 currently has three components:

1. Page 2, Lines 5-8: Allows for the transfer of a Class B-D-7 license from Culinary Architecture's previous premises in the 40th Legislative District (Pigtown) to their new location in the 46th Legislative District (Little Italy).
 - This transfer is supported by both Little Italy neighborhood associations.
2. Page 2, Lines 9-21: Allows the donation of alcohol by a manufacturer or wholesaler for non-profit hosted events at the Baltimore City Convention Center with a two-year sunset in Section 4 of the bill.
 - This provision allows the Kappa Alpha Psi's 88th Grand Chapter Meeting to receive donations of alcohol from interested organizations.
3. Page 2, Lines 22-27: Revives a license in Fells Point for purposes of a transfer to a new venture in Harbor East.

Thank you for your consideration of SB 642 and I urge the Committee to report the bill favorably.