

SB642 Annual Liquor Legislation Testimony - Financ

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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.

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February 20, 2026

The Honorable Senator Pamela Beidle, Chair
Finance Committee
3 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: SB 642 - Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - 46th Alcoholic Beverages
District

Dear Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and Committee Members,

On Friday, February 20, 2026, the Baltimore City Senate Delegation voted Favorable on
Senate Bill 642 - Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - 46th Alcoholic Beverages
District.

Pursuant to Senate customs, we ask the Finance Committee to bring SB 642 to a favorable
vote. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office or the offices of
my colleagues regarding this legislation. Thank you for your kind consideration of our
position regarding this important bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary L. Washington".

Senator Mary L. Washington, PH.D