

**Department of Fiscal Services**  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**  
**Revised**

Senate Bill 561 (Senator Hughes, et al.)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Referred to Economic Matters

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**Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages**  
**(Class A-2 Beer, Wine and Liquor Off-Sale Package Goods License)**

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This enrolled emergency bill allows substitute off-sale package goods licenses to be issued until May 1, 1996. By April 22, 1996, the holder of a Class B-D-7 beer, wine, and liquor license must file with the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners a declaration of intent to renew the expiring license as either a Class B-D-7 beer, wine, and liquor license or as a Class A-2 beer, wine, and liquor off-sale package goods license. The declaration must request that the renewal be effective May 1, 1996.

The bill also repeals the requirement in Baltimore City that the operation conducted by a holder of a Class A-2 beer, wine, and liquor off-sale package goods license be considered a tavern for zoning purposes. In addition, the bill specifies that the Board of License Commissioners, not the Clerk of the Circuit Court, must issue Class B-D-7 beer, wine, and liquor licenses.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Baltimore City revenues could decrease by \$27,500 in FY 1996 due to the substitution of Class B-D-7 licenses for Class A-2 off-sale only package goods licenses. Expenditures would not be affected.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Revenues:** Baltimore City revenues could decrease by \$27,500 in fiscal 1996 due to the substitution of Class B-D-7 licenses for Class A-2 off-sale only package goods licenses. This estimate reflects the product of the number of substitutions and the difference between

the annual license fees for the two licenses. The annual license fees are \$1,200 for a Class B-D-7 license and \$650 for a Class A-2 license. It is expected that 50 licenses would be substituted prior to May 1, 1996.

The change in the issuing authority for Class B-D-7 licenses codifies existing practice.

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