

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
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Senate Bill 82 (Senator Sfikas)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Referred to Economic Matters

Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages
(Transferring and Renewing Licenses)

This enrolled bill prohibits the transfer of an alcoholic beverage license into or within certain wards and precincts of the 46th legislative district in Baltimore City. This prohibition does not apply to applications for new licenses or transfers from within specified wards and precincts of the 46th legislative district by hotels and establishments meeting certain criteria.

Further, the bill exempts certain licensees in specified areas of the 46th alcoholic beverages district from the restrictions on the issuance and transfer of licenses. In addition, the bill prohibits the transfer of a license for the sale of alcoholic beverages into the 1st precinct of the 23rd ward.

The bill also requires certain licensees to file a copy of a valid seating capacity rating issued by the Baltimore City Fire Department with each license renewal application if an application for the issuance or transfer of licenses was received by the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners after December 31, 1995. If the rating exceeds 150 persons, the board may require a certified accounting of the gross sales for the immediately preceding year.

Further, the bill changes the definition of restaurant and defines “total daily receipts” for Baltimore City.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Although the number of licensees who would be affected cannot be determined beforehand, the revenue loss to Baltimore City would be minimal. Baltimore City could collect the capacity rating reports with existing resources.

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