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By: **Senator Sfikas**

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Assigned to: Rules

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Club License Exemption**

3 FOR the purpose of exempting Class C beer, wine and liquor (club) licenses issued to  
4 certain organizations in certain areas of Baltimore City from certain provisions  
5 generally relating to the issuance and transfer of licenses for the sale of alcoholic  
6 beverages in Baltimore City; providing for the termination of this Act; and  
7 generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore City.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
9 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
10 Section 9-204.1(a)(4)  
11 Annotated Code of Maryland  
12 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

13 BY adding to  
14 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
15 Section 9-204.1(j)  
16 Annotated Code of Maryland  
17 (1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
19 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

21 9-204.1.

22 (a) New licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages may not be issued in:

23 (4) The 46th alcoholic beverages district of Baltimore City consisting of:

24 Baltimore City wards 1 and 2;

25 Ward 3, precinct 3 and part of precinct 1;

1 Ward 6, precincts 1, 6, and 7;

2 Ward 7, precincts 8 and 9; and

3 Ward 26, precincts 1 through 33 and 47 through 51.

4 (J) THE PROHIBITIONS OF THIS SECTION DO NOT APPLY TO CLASS C BEER,  
5 WINE AND LIQUOR (CLUB) LICENSES ISSUED IN WARD 26, PRECINCT 16 OF  
6 BALTIMORE CITY TO AN ORGANIZATION THAT:

7 (1) MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS FOR TAX-EXEMPT STATUS UNDER THE  
8 INTERNAL REVENUE CODE;

9 (2) IS INCORPORATED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF NEIGHBORHOOD  
10 LIFE IN THE SOUTHEASTERN PORTION OF THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA BY  
11 FACILITATING COMMUNITY ACCESS TO ACTIVITIES IN THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES;  
12 AND

13 (3) HAS PERFORMING AND VISUAL ARTISTS AS A MAJORITY OF ITS  
14 MEMBERSHIP.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
16 June 1, 1998. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31,  
17 1999, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be  
18 abrogated and of no further force and effect.