

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 303 (Senator McFadden)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

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**Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - License on Deposit**

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This emergency bill for Baltimore City authorizes an alcoholic beverages licensee in Baltimore City to place a license on deposit with the Board of License Commissioners for up to 180 days. The deposit of the license may only occur if: (1) the licensee experiences a personal or financial hardship; (2) the licensee has not been evicted from the licensed premises; and (3) the licensed premise is not being used for any other business purpose. The bill also provides that at the end of 180 days the license expires unless an application has been approved or is pending approval for: (1) a transfer of the license to another location, or assignment to another person; or (2) continuing the business after the death of a licensee.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. The bill would not affect Baltimore City finances because the board of license commissioners collect license fees on these licenses.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal impact on small businesses.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Effect:** Under current practice, a licensee may put a license on deposit with the board with no limit on the number of days which the license can be held. Baltimore City advises that 46-50 licenses are held on deposit by the board annually.

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