

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
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Senate Bill 154 (Senator Della)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Licensing Restrictions

This bill requires a restaurant located within the 47th alcoholic beverages district of Baltimore City to have 51% of daily receipts from the sale of food in order to qualify for an exemption from the prohibition against the issuance of a new Class B beer, wine, and liquor license. The bill also increases the minimum capital investment that a restaurant is required to have in order to qualify for an exemption from \$250,000 to \$300,000.

Class B licenses may be issued in Ward 21, precinct 3, however restaurants located in the Key Highway industrial and urban renewal plan area and the 23rd Ward cannot be exempted under this bill for three years. The fee for a Class B license is \$1,000 annually. In addition, the bill prohibits a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license from being transferred or downgraded within the 47th district. The bill also prohibits new Class B and Class C licenses to be issued in the 47th district, if the establishment is located within 300 feet of a church or school.

This bill is effective June 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Baltimore City revenues could increase by a minimal amount if new Class B licenses are issued. Limiting the issuance of new licenses or transfers of existing licenses within certain areas would not affect city finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal impact on small businesses.

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