

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

Senate Bill 304 (Senator McFadden)  
Economic and Environmental Affairs

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**Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - License Applications**

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This amended emergency bill specifies that the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City must advertise and post notice on receipt of an application for a new license, a transfer of a license, a change in the class of a license, a live entertainment permit, or an extension of a licensed establishment. The notice must be posted on the premises described in the application and public hearings must be held for each application request for a new license, a change in the class of a license, a request for live entertainment, or an expansion of the licensed premises. Hearings for transfers of licenses must be held when: (1) there is a transfer of location; (2) the premises have been closed for 90 days, except for fire, casualty, or act of God; or (3) when the transfer is due to an action of a creditor.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. The bill codifies prior and current practices.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Local Effect:** Under current practice, the board advertises, posts notices, and holds hearings only for applications for new licenses, changes in class of licenses, or transfers of licenses. The board used to hold hearings and post notices for applications for live entertainment and extensions of licensed premises until recent circuit court opinion held that the board did not have this statutory authority.

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