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**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 120 (Senator Conway)  
Economic and Environmental Affairs

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**Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Storage of Flammable Liquids**

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This bill prohibits an alcoholic beverages licensee in Baltimore City from storing an alcoholic beverage that is classified as a Class 3 flammable liquid in a private area or near a furnace, heat pump, heat producing appliance, or other heat source on the licensed premises. All alcoholic beverages except beer and wine are classified as a Class 3 flammable liquid. An alcoholic beverages licensee may display such beverages in a public area on the licensed premises. The Board of License Commissioners may adopt regulations governing alcoholic beverages classified as Class 3 flammable liquids. A Class 3 flammable liquid has a flashpoint at or above 140 degrees Fahrenheit.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. The Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners could monitor licensees with existing resources. No effect on revenues.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful impact on small businesses.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**Small Business Effect:** Under the bill, a licensed business would be unable to keep an inventory of liquor except in public areas. Small businesses could experience operational difficulties in maintaining their stock if private storage space is not available to be used. In addition, some businesses would have to store products in another location resulting in increased expenses.

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