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Senate Bill 491 (Senator Della)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Baltimore City - Board of License Commissioners - Adult Entertainment Businesses

This emergency bill requires the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to enforce the laws and regulations of Baltimore City that govern adult entertainment business licenses. The authority of the Mayor and the City Council to authorize the board to regulate adult entertainment business licenses is repealed. In addition, the bill provides that the board has exclusive jurisdiction to regulate the use of property for an adult entertainment business and is authorized to provide a civil penalty for a zoning violation. Currently, the Baltimore City Department of Housing and Community Development regulates these businesses.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The Board of License Commissioners could monitor and regulate adult entertainment licensees with existing resources. To the extent that this authority results in stronger enforcement of laws and regulations governing adult entertainment businesses, revenues could increase by a minimal amount due to fines.

Small Business Effect: Potential minimal impact on small businesses.

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