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By: **Senator Della**

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Assigned to: Economic and Environmental Affairs

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Arena License**

3 FOR the purpose of altering in Baltimore City the license fee for an arena license  
4 issued by the Board of License Commissioners; and generally relating to arena  
5 licenses in Baltimore City.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
7 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
8 Section 6-201(d)(1)(i)  
9 Annotated Code of Maryland  
10 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages  
13 Section 6-201(d)(3)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

16 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
17 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

18 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

19 6-201.

20 (d) (1) (i) This subsection applies only in Baltimore City.

21 (3) (i) 1. In this paragraph the following words have the meanings  
22 indicated.

23 2. "Arena" means a facility that is a:

24 A. Catering hall;

25 B. Banquet hall;

1 C. Auditorium;

2 D. Theatre;

3 E. Athletic facility;

4 F. Concert facility;

5 G. Stadium.

6 3. "Board" means the Board of License Commissioners.

7 4. "Person" means a natural person, an association, a firm, a  
8 partnership, a corporation, or the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore.

9 (ii) There is an arena license.

10 (iii) 1. A licensee may sell beer, wine and liquor by the drink and  
11 by the bottle within the arena, from one or more outlets, for consumption on the  
12 licensed premises.

13 2. An arena license may not be issued in the Second and  
14 Third Wards after October 1, 1994. Licenses issued prior to that date are valid and  
15 may be treated like any other license.

16 (iv) The Board may issue an arena license only if the applicant has:

17 1. A minimum capital investment, not including any real  
18 property, of \$1,000,000; and

19 2. A minimum capacity of 1,000 people, as determined by the  
20 Baltimore City Fire Department.

21 (v) This license shall be issued only to the person, firm, or  
22 corporation owning or leasing an arena, one of whom must be a resident of the State  
23 of Maryland, or to a concessionaire designated by the person, firm or corporation  
24 owning or leasing the arena. The concessionaire need not be a resident of the State of  
25 Maryland.

26 (vi) The Board shall prescribe regulations pertaining to the manner  
27 of dispensing alcoholic beverages, the number of outlets authorized to dispense  
28 alcoholic beverages, and the hours and days of sale.

29 (vii) The licensee is subject to all of the provisions of this article and  
30 to the regulations of the Board of License Commissioners.

31 (viii) The annual license fee for the arena license is [~~\$5,000~~] \$7,500.

32 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
33 October 1, 2000.