

SENATE BILL 796
EMERGENCY BILL

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ENROLLED BILL
-- Economic and Environmental Affairs/Economic Matters --

Introduced by **Senators Della and Sfikas**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this
____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, ____ M.

President.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Closing Hours for Licensed Premises**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring in Baltimore City a licensed premises to cease all
4 operations after a certain time; authorizing the Board of Liquor License
5 Commissioners to exempt certain persons for certain purposes; entitling certain
6 pharmacies to sell certain products under certain circumstances; *providing an*
7 *exception applicable to certain hotels*; making this Act an emergency measure;
8 and generally relating to licensed premises in Baltimore City.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages
11 Section 11-304(d)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (1998 Replacement Volume and 1999 Supplement)

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

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Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages

2 11-304.

3 (d) (1) [This] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN THIS SUBSECTION, THIS section
4 does not apply to premises conducted on New Year's Day by on-sale licensees in
5 Baltimore City.

6 (2) IN BALTIMORE CITY, A LICENSED PREMISES SHALL CEASE ALL
7 OPERATIONS, INCLUDING THE SERVING OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES OR FOOD AND
8 PROVIDING ENTERTAINMENT, AT THE CLOSING HOUR FOR THAT CLASS OF LICENSED
9 PREMISES SPECIFIED IN THIS ARTICLE.

10 (3) NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE
11 BOARD OF LIQUOR LICENSE COMMISSIONERS MAY GRANT AN EXEMPTION FOR
12 REMAINING OPEN AFTER HOURS TO:

13 (I) A HOLDER OF A CLASS B RESTAURANT LICENSE, ONLY FOR
14 SERVING FOOD TO PATRONS SEATED ~~PATRONS~~ FOR DINING; OR

15 (II) A PHARMACY THAT FILLS PRESCRIPTIONS.

16 (4) A PHARMACY THAT RECEIVES AN EXEMPTION UNDER PARAGRAPH (3)
17 OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY ALSO SELL PRODUCTS OTHER THAN ALCOHOL AFTER
18 NORMAL CLOSING HOURS.

19 (5) NOTWITHSTANDING THE HOUR RESTRICTIONS UNDER PARAGRAPH
20 (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A HOTEL THAT HOLDS A CLASS B LICENSE AND THAT
21 SERVES FOOD TO SEATED CUSTOMERS OR TO PRIVATE FUNCTIONS OR GUEST
22 ROOMS MAY CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FOOD SERVICE.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency
24 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health and safety,
25 has been passed by a ye and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members
26 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from
27 the date it is enacted.