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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Senators Della and Sfikas**

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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; making this
7 Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to licensed premises in
8 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:

16 **Article 2B - Alcoholic Beverages**

17 11-304.

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

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

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

8 (I) A HOLDER OF A CLASS B RESTAURANT LICENSE, ONLY FOR
9 SERVING FOOD TO SEATED PATRONS; OR

10 (II) A PHARMACY THAT FILLS PRESCRIPTIONS.

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

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