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Senate Bill 130 (Senator Della) Economic and Environmental Affairs

Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Summonses Served by Inspectors

This bill provides that summonses for a hearing by the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City may be served by inspectors employed by the board.

The bill is effective July 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The bill codifies the current practice in Baltimore City.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Although it is not the practice, current law specifies that the Sheriff of Baltimore City serve summonses for Board of Liquor License Commissioners hearings. This requirement applies to all jurisdictions except Anne Arundel County, where summonses may also be served by liquor inspectors or the county police.

Background: Baltimore City advises that summonses were served for approximately 130 violation hearings in 1999. Licensees, and sometimes witnesses, are summoned to appear at hearings where violations of board rules are being addressed. Summonses are served at least ten days prior to a hearing.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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