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Senate Bill 126 (Senator Della)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Licensing Restrictions

This bill permanently prohibits the issuance of new alcoholic beverage licenses in the 1st precinct of the 23rd ward of Baltimore City and also prohibits the transfer of existing licenses into the area.

The bill is effective July 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill would not directly affect Baltimore City finances.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: No new licenses may be issued in the 1st precinct of the 23rd ward until after May 31, 2001. Licenses may be transferred into the 1st precinct of the 23rd ward from other parts of the 47th alcoholic beverages district.

Background: The 1st precinct of the 23rd ward in Baltimore City is located in the Cross Street Market area. There are many establishments already licensed to sell alcoholic beverages in that area and their licenses will not be affected.

Small Business Effect: The bill could have a major impact on a licensed small business

operating in the 1st precinct of the 23rd ward that is forced, for whatever reason, to move out of the licensed premises. The business would be unable to transfer the license to another nearby location, potentially losing an established client base. In addition, small businesses desiring to locate in or expand into the precinct would be unable to acquire a liquor license.

Small businesses licensed to sell alcoholic beverages and already operating in the area may benefit from the lack of new competition.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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