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**FISCAL NOTE**  
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Senate Bill 796 (Senators Della and Sfikas)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

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

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This emergency bill clarifies that a premises that is licensed to sell alcoholic beverages in Baltimore City must cease all operations at the closing hour designated for its class of license. The Board of Liquor License Commissioners of Baltimore City may grant an exemption to allow: (1) the holder of a Class B restaurant license to continue serving food to patrons seated for dining; (2) a pharmacy to continue filling prescriptions and selling products other than alcoholic beverages; or (3) a hotel with a Class B license to continue serving food, including room service.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. The bill codifies the existing policies of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners of Baltimore City.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** At licensed alcoholic beverages retailers, the sale, service, and consumption of alcoholic beverages must stop at the time designated for the license. Recently, certain establishments have challenged the policy that all operations must cease at the closing hour associated with the alcoholic beverages license. The bill would codify that policy.

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 1154 (Delegate Dypski, *et al.*) - Economic Matters.

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