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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 828 (Senator Della)
Economic and Environmental Affairs

Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Caterer Privilege

This bill creates a special caterer privilege to be issued in conjunction with other beer and wine licenses and beer, wine, and liquor licenses in Baltimore City. The privilege allows licensees to contract to provide food and alcoholic beverages off their licensed premises during the days and hours that their existing licenses permit. Applicants for new or renewed caterer privileges must have their food preparation facilities approved by the Baltimore City Health Department. The annual fee for the caterer privilege is \$500 which is in addition to the annual fee for the existing license.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Baltimore City revenues would increase by \$500 for each licensee receiving a caterer privilege. Licensees could be monitored with the existing resources of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful.

Analysis

Current Law: The holder of a Class B license may provide services without a special caterer privilege.

Local Revenues: Baltimore City revenues would increase by \$500 for each licensee who obtains a caterer privilege. The city estimates that approximately 30 current licensees would

apply for and receive the privilege, increasing city revenues by \$15,000 annually. There is no application or issuing fee for the privilege.

Small Business Effect: Small alcoholic beverages retailers could acquire a caterer privilege and expand operations to include a catering business off their licensed premises. Aside from the profits associated with catering events, small restaurants obtaining the privilege would have an opportunity to showcase their food and service.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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