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Senate Bill 548 (Senator Blount, *et al.*)

Economic and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Reopening of Licensed Premises

This bill provides that an alcoholic beverages licensee in Baltimore City whose premises have been closed for at least three consecutive months may reopen only after the Board of Liquor License Commissioners of Baltimore City has held a public hearing and the licensee has obtained approval from the board to reopen. An exception is provided in cases with extenuating circumstances.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Baltimore City revenues could decrease minimally if licenses are terminated. Additional public hearings could be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal. Small business alcoholic beverage licensees whose premises have been closed for at least three consecutive months that are not allowed to reopen or face additional obstacles in reopening could be negatively impacted.

Analysis

Current Law: Current alcoholic beverages licensees whose establishments have been closed for three consecutive months or more are not required to gain approval from the Board of License Commissioners before reopening.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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