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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Bill 501 (Senators Hollinger and Brochin)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

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**Baltimore County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class B (SB) Licenses**

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This bill repeals the September 30, 2004 sunset date of the provision of law that authorizes the Baltimore County Board of License Commissioners to issue up to ten Class B (SB) restaurant-service bar beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) licenses in the Pikesville Revitalization Area or Pikesville Town Center.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Baltimore County finances would not be directly affected by the repeal of the sunset date.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential meaningful.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** The authority of the Baltimore County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class B (SB) service bar beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) license in the Pikesville Revitalization Area or Pikesville Town Center terminates on September 30, 2004.

**Background:** Chapter 333 of 1988 authorized the Baltimore County Board of License Commissioners to issue up to ten Class B (SB) service bar beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) licenses in the Pikesville Revitalization Area or Pikesville Town Center provided the Class B (SB) beer, wine, and liquor license issued was converted from any class of

beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) license, except a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license, that was in existence on January 1, 1988. The authority to convert these licenses was originally scheduled to sunset on June 30, 1990.

Chapter 571 of 1990 extended the sunset date until June 30, 1993. Chapter 243 of 1992 extended the sunset date until September 30, 1995. Chapter 166 of 1995 extended the sunset date to September 30, 1999. Chapter 35 of 1999 extended the sunset date to September 30, 2004.

The annual fee for any license eligible to be converted into a Class B (SB) service bar beer, wine, and liquor license is \$1,000. The annual fee for a Class B (SB) beer, wine, and liquor license is \$1,000. Baltimore County advises that four Class B (SB) beer, wine, and liquor licenses have been issued and remain active in the Pikesville Revitalization Area and Pikesville Town Center.

**Small Business Effect:** To the extent that the repeal of the termination provision allows a small business to transfer any class of existing beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) license in existence on January 1, 1988, except a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license, into the Pikesville Revitalization Area or Pikesville Town Center after September 30, 2004 those small businesses could be positively impacted.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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