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Senate Bill 532

(Senator Della)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

**Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Licensed Premises Near Churches or
Schools**

This emergency bill includes the 46th Legislative District and the 47th Legislative District as listed in the Baltimore Directory of 1986 issued by the Board of Supervisors of Elections of Baltimore City as areas where a prohibition and exceptions apply against the issuance of a new license or removal of an existing license granting authority to sell alcoholic beverages in any building located within 300 feet of the nearest point of the buildings of a church or school.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Baltimore City finances would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: None. Existing alcoholic beverages licensees in the area pertaining to the bill would be unaffected.

Analysis

Current Law: In Baltimore City, in the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th legislative districts as they existed on January 1, 1972 and the 47th Legislative District, no new license, or removal of an existing license, may be granted to sell alcoholic beverages in any building located within 300 feet of the nearest point of the buildings of a church or school although an existing license for a building located within such a proximity may be renewed or extended for the same building. The restrictions regarding distance do not apply to the

following licenses: (1) except in the 47th Legislative District, Class B beer and wine and Class B beer, wine, and liquor; (2) Class C beer and wine; (3) Class C beer, wine, and liquor; and (4) a certain Class A license. Also, except in the 47th Legislative District, the governing body of a church may in writing waive the restrictions for any other license with respect to cafes or restaurants that are located within 250 feet of a theater with 300 or more seats that is operated by a nonprofit theater association.

Background: Baltimore City advises that the bill makes the existing prohibition effective within the legislative district boundaries as altered by the 2002 redistricting process.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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