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Senate Bill 98 (Senator Conway)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

**Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Educational and Cultural Foundation
Exemption**

This bill permits a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license to be issued for on-premises use of an educational and cultural foundation located in the 42nd precinct of the 27th ward of Baltimore City.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2005.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: FY 2006 Baltimore City license fee revenues would increase by \$550 for each new Class C beer, wine, and liquor license issued as a result of this authority, as well as by \$400 for a one-time application fee for each new alcoholic beverages license. Expenditures would not be affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: The Baltimore City Board of Liquor License Commissioners is not authorized to issue new alcoholic beverages licenses in the 42nd precinct of the 27th ward of Baltimore City.

Local Fiscal Effect: Baltimore City advises that it expects to issue one license as a result of this authority. Consequently, Baltimore City alcoholic beverages license fee revenues

would increase by \$550 annually, beginning in fiscal 2006. Additionally, revenues would increase by \$400 for a one-time application fee for each new license issued under the authority. Monitoring of new licenses could be handled with existing resources.

Additional Comments: In Baltimore City, alcoholic beverages districts are coterminous with legislative districts. After the 2002 legislative redistricting plan was enacted, the 42nd precinct of the 27th ward was placed in the 43rd legislative district. Furthermore, Baltimore City is not authorized to issue new alcoholic beverages licenses in the 43rd legislative district. However, SB 535 of 2005 revises Section 9-204.1, to which this bill is drafted. SB 535 updates the obsolete references to the former alcoholic beverages districts which would be coterminous with the new legislative districts in the 2002 legislative redistricting plan.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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