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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
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Senate Bill 496

(Senator Della)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

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**Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Restaurants in Business Planned  
Unit Development**

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This bill creates an exemption from the prohibition against issuing new alcoholic beverages licenses in ward 24, precinct 5 of the 46<sup>th</sup> alcoholic beverages district and authorizes the Baltimore City Board of Liquor License Commissioners to issue a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license for up to three restaurants in a business planned unit development. To qualify for this exemption, a restaurant must have a minimum capital investment of \$700,000; a seating capacity that exceeds 75 persons but not more than 150 persons; and average daily receipts from the sale of food that are at least 65% of the total daily receipts of the restaurant. The restaurants are not permitted to sell alcoholic beverages for off-premises consumption.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2008.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Baltimore City revenues could increase by \$3,300 annually due to receipt of annual license fees for three additional Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses.

**Small Business Effect:** Potential significant benefit for small restaurant businesses in ward 24, precinct 5 of the 46<sup>th</sup> alcoholic beverages district of Baltimore City.

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## Analysis

**Current Law:** New licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages may not be issued in certain wards and precincts of the 46<sup>th</sup> alcoholic beverages district of Baltimore City. However, this prohibition does not apply to special 1-day licenses or to Class B beer, wine, and liquor restaurant licenses to bona fide restaurants in certain wards and precincts of the 46<sup>th</sup> alcoholic beverages district. The license fee for a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license is \$1,100.

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### Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** None.

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