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House Bill 200 (Delegate B. Robinson, *et al.*)
Economic Matters

**Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Class A Licensed Premises in Park Heights
- Minors**

This bill prohibits, in the Park Heights area of Baltimore City, a person under the age of 18 from entering or being present on any licensed premises to which a Class A (off-sale) license applies unless accompanied by a person at least 21 years old. The bill also prohibits, in Park Heights, a Class A (off-sale) license holder or an agent or employee from allowing a person under the age of 18 to enter or be present on the licensed premises unless accompanied by a person at least 21 years old. A violator is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to maximum penalties of imprisonment for one year and/or a fine of \$200.

Park Heights consists of that area of the 40th Legislative District of Baltimore City bounded by Northern Parkway on the north, Greenspring Avenue on the east, Druid Hill Park on the south, and Wabash Avenue on the west.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The criminal penalty provisions of this bill do not have a discernible impact on State finances or operations.

Local Effect: While this bill may result in more hearings for the Baltimore City Board of Liquor License Commissioners, its requirements can be handled with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In Baltimore City an alcoholic beverages licensee:

- may employ a person 18 or older to sell, serve, deliver, or otherwise deal with alcoholic beverages;
- may not employ or allow a person under 18 to sell, serve, or deliver alcoholic beverages; and
- may not employ or allow a person under the age of 18 years to provide entertainment on the licensed premises.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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