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House Bill 1127
Economic Matters

(Delegate Glenn, *et al.*)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Baltimore City - 45th Legislative District - Alcoholic Beverages - Landlords -
Licensed Premises

This bill prohibits a landlord from renting out a premises in the 45th legislative district in Baltimore City for the sale of alcoholic beverages if the landlord knows, or has reason to know, that the use violates a certain minimum distance requirement between a licensed premises and a place of worship or school. A violator is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a maximum fine of \$1,000. The bill does not apply to premises rented out for the sale of alcoholic beverages before the effective date of the bill.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Minimal increase in general fund revenues from fines imposed in the District Court. The District Court can handle any increased caseload with existing resources.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: In Baltimore City, with certain exceptions, a new license, or removal of an existing license, to sell alcoholic beverages may not be granted in any building located within 300 feet of the nearest point of the buildings of a church or school, although an existing license within such 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 46th Legislative District, Class B beer and wine and Class B beer, wine, and liquor; (2) Class C beer and wine; and (3) Class C beer, wine, and liquor. Also,

except in the 46th 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.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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