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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Senate Bill 51 (Senator Ferguson)  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

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**Baltimore City - Board of Liquor License Commissioners - Transfer of License**

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This emergency bill alters a prohibition against the Baltimore City Board of Liquor License Commissioners issuing an alcoholic beverages license or transferring a license into specified locations in Baltimore City by authorizing the board to allow a transfer of one Class D license into the residential planned unit development for Silo Point, located in Ward 24, Precinct 5, which was enacted by a specified city ordinance on June 23, 2004. This license transfer may only occur if the license holder operates the establishment in accordance with that ordinance.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. Baltimore City finances will not be affected since the bill authorizes the transfer of an existing license only.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Current Law:** In the 46<sup>th</sup> alcoholic beverages district, the Baltimore City Board of Liquor License Commissioners may issue a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license for not more than three restaurants in a residential planned unit development for Silo Point as approved by the Mayor and the Baltimore City Council in Ordinance 04-697 on June 23, 2004, if the restaurant has a minimum capital investment of \$700,000, a seating capacity that exceeds 75 persons, average daily receipts from the sale of food that are at least 65% of the total daily receipts of the restaurant, and no sales for off-premises consumption.

The board may not issue an alcoholic beverages license or transfer a license into Ward 1, Precincts 4 and 5; Ward 23, Precinct 1; or Ward 24, Precinct 5.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** SB 7 of the 2011 special session was assigned to the Senate Rules Committee and had no further action taken on it. A similar bill, SB 854 of the 2011 regular session, passed the Senate, but received an unfavorable report from the House Economic Matters Committee. Neither of these bills was an emergency bill.

**Cross File:** None.

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