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House Bill 392

(Delegate Hammen, *et al.*)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Memorandum of Understanding

This bill specifies that, in Baltimore City, if a “community association” and an applicant for the issuance or renewal of a Class B or D alcoholic beverages license have entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) that expressly acknowledges the authority of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners, the board may make the issuance or renewal of the license conditional on the substantial compliance of the applicant with MOU. The existence of such an MOU does not affect any requirement of any individuals to file a protest under specified current provisions of the Alcoholic Beverages Article.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2012.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Baltimore City finances are not directly affected.

Small Business Effect: None. Any potential for additional MOUs with corresponding increases of affected licensees cannot be readily predicted.

Analysis

Current Law: There are no applicable provisions addressing an MOU between a community association and an alcoholic beverages license applicant in Baltimore City or for any other jurisdiction statewide.

Background: Currently, the board has a variety of nonbinding MOUs with different community organizations, which are revisited each year in connection with license renewals. Under the bill, MOUs become binding agreements.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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