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Senate Bill 327 (Senator McFadden)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

**Baltimore City - 45th Legislative District - Liquor Stores - Premises Near Places
of Worship or Schools**

This bill prohibits the issuance of a new Class A license for the sale of alcoholic beverages in a building located in the 45th legislative district in Baltimore City that is within 500 feet of a place of worship or school. The bill's prohibition is applied only prospectively and does not affect any Class A license issued before July 1, 2012.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2012.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Altering an existing restriction will not materially impact Baltimore City's operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal. However, the bill does restrict future locations for an alcoholic beverages license in the 45th legislative district in Baltimore City.

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: HB 1023 of 2011 passed the House and received a favorable with amendments report from the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee, but no further action was taken.

Cross File: HB 12 (Delegate Glenn) - Economic Matters.

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