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House Bill 1554 (Delegate Tarrant, *et al.*)
Rules and Executive Nominations

Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Transfer of License

This bill authorizes the transfer of one Class B-D-7 alcoholic beverages license from the 400 block of East Biddle Street to the unit block of West North Avenue in Baltimore City.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2014.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Minimal. The bill allows for the continued collection of Baltimore City alcoholic beverages license and filing fees for a Class B-D-7 license after the transfer of that license to a new business entity seeking to operate under that license in a different location. The total annual revenue from such fees is \$1,370.

Small Business Effect: Minimal overall, but meaningful for the new license holder. It is assumed that the application for a Class B-D-7 license in the unit block of West North Avenue in Baltimore City, which is currently pending, is granted by the Board of Liquor License Commissioners (BLLC) in Baltimore City as a result of the bill. Accordingly, the new license holder is positively affected.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: In Baltimore City, a holder of a Class B-D-7 license may sell alcoholic beverages from 6 a.m. until 2 a.m. the following day, seven days per week. There is an annual \$1,320 license renewal fee, as well as a \$50 annual filing fee.

Baltimore City reports that there is one Class B-D-7 licensee in the 400 block of East Biddle Street who is currently not operating under that license and who will soon exhaust hardship extensions of the license. The current licensee seeks to transfer the license to a person who has applied to BLLC to operate a Class B-D-7 business in the unit block of West North Avenue. That license application is pending the transfer of the existing license to the West North Avenue license applicant. This bill allows that license transfer to occur and allows for the continuation of the collection of annual license and filing fees for the license.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 1113 (Senators Pugh and Conway) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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