

SENATE BILL 561

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By: **Senator Ferguson**

Introduced and read first time: February 4, 2016

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Class C Beer, Wine, and Liquor Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to
4 issue Class C beer, wine, and liquor licenses in certain locations in Baltimore City;
5 altering the areas for which the Board may waive certain distance restrictions
6 between a building for which a license is transferred and a place of worship or school;
7 and generally relating to Class C beer, wine, and liquor licenses in Baltimore City.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

10 Section 12–102

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (As enacted by Chapter __ (S.B.____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
13 2016)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

16 Section 12–1603 and 12–1605(a)

17 Annotated Code of Maryland

18 (As enacted by Chapter __ (S.B.____)(6lr1406) of the Acts of the General Assembly of
19 2016)

20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

21 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

23 12–102.

24 This title applies only in Baltimore City.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 12-1603.

2 (a) The alcoholic beverages districts described in this section at all times are
3 coterminous with the legislative districts in the Legislative Districting Plan of 2002 as
4 ordered by the Maryland Court of Appeals on June 21, 2002.

5 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the Board may not issue
6 a new license in:

7 (1) the 40th alcoholic beverages district;

8 (2) the 41st alcoholic beverages district;

9 (3) the 43rd alcoholic beverages district;

10 (4) the 44th alcoholic beverages district; and

11 (5) the 45th alcoholic beverages district.

12 (c) The Board may issue:

13 (1) in the alcoholic beverages districts specified in subsection (b) of this
14 section:

15 (i) a 1-day license; or

16 (ii) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license to a restaurant that:

17 1. has a minimum capital investment, not including the cost
18 of land and buildings, of \$200,000 for restaurant facilities; and

19 2. has a minimum seating capacity of 75 individuals;

20 (2) a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in the 45th alcoholic beverages
21 district; [or]

22 (3) a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in ward 5, precinct 1 of the 44th
23 alcoholic beverages district;

24 (4) **A CLASS C BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE IN THE 200 BLOCK**
25 **OF HOLLIDAY STREET IN WARD 3, PRECINCT 3 OF THE 46TH ALCOHOLIC**
26 **BEVERAGES DISTRICT; OR**

- 1 A. each community association representing the area;
- 2 B. each business association in the area; and
- 3 C. the ordained leader and the board or council for each place
4 of worship that is within 300 feet of the proposed location of the establishment for which
5 the license transfer is sought; and
- 6 2. a memorandum of understanding is executed by the
7 applicant for the license transfer and each community association in the area.

8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
9 1, 2016.