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Senate Bill 384

(Senator Conway)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Licenses

This emergency bill authorizes the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to issue four Class B-D-7 licenses in the Old Goucher Revitalization District located within the forty-third alcoholic beverages district. An application for the issuance, transfer, or renewal of a Class B-D-7 license in the Old Goucher Revitalization District issued under the bill's provisions is exempt from obtaining zoning approval or verification of zoning and is exempt from specified distance restrictions for the issuance of alcoholic beverages licenses near schools and places of worship. The license may be transferred within the Old Goucher Revitalization District. The bill also authorizes the board to issue one Class B-D-7 license in the 100 block of North Avenue in the forty-fifth alcoholic beverages district.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Baltimore City revenues increase by \$9,600 in FY 2018 and by \$6,850 annually beginning in FY 2019 from application, license, and renewal fees. Baltimore City can handle any enforcement activity with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The Old Goucher Revitalization District is bounded (1) on the west by Howard Street; (2) on the north by 25th Street; (3) on the east by St. Paul Street; and (4) on the south by 22nd Street.

Under the bill, if an establishment has a minimum capital investment, not including land and acquisition costs, of \$50,000, the board may issue one Class B-D-7 license for use in each of the following properties within the Old Goucher Revitalization District:

- a property bounded (1) on the west by Maryland Avenue; (2) on the north by 24th Street; (3) on the east by Morton Street; and (4) on the south by 22nd Street;
- a property bounded (1) on the west by Morton Street; (2) on the north by 23rd Street; (3) on the east by Charles Street; and (4) on the south by 22nd Street;
- a property bounded (1) on the west by Morton Street; (2) on the north by Ware Street; (3) on the east by Charles Street; and (4) on the south by 24th Street; and
- a property bounded (1) on the west by Maryland Avenue; (2) on the north by 24th Street; (3) on the east by Morton Street; and (4) on the south by 23rd Street.

Current Law: The Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners may issue a Class B-D-7 license if the board determines that the license is reasonably necessary for the convenience of the public. In making the determination, the board must consider the number of beer, wine, and liquor outlets in a given area and the number of days the outlets are open, rather than the nature of the outlets.

The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on- and off-premises consumption from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day in the Park Heights Redevelopment Area and from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day in all other locations in the city. The annual license fee is \$1,320.

In Baltimore City, new licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages generally may not be issued in the fortieth, forty-first, forty-third, forty-fourth, forty-fifth, or forty-sixth alcoholic beverages districts except as specified. In general, the board also may not transfer or issue a license for use in a building that is within 300 feet of a place of worship or school except as specified.

Local Revenues: Baltimore City expects that all five of the licenses authorized by the bill will be issued. Accordingly, anticipated licensing fee revenue under the bill will total \$9,600 in fiscal 2018 and \$6,850 annually thereafter. This estimate is based on a one-time \$600 application fee, a \$50 renewal fee, and an annual \$1,320 licensing fee.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

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