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House Bill 448

(Baltimore City Delegation)

Economic Matters

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Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages License – Registered Voter Requirements

This bill exempts an individual applying for an alcoholic beverages license in Baltimore City for the use of a corporation, club, or limited liability company from all voter registration requirements. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The change is procedural in nature and does not directly affect Baltimore City finances.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law:

Corporation/Club: An application for an alcoholic beverages license on behalf of a corporation or club must be applied for and issued to at least three officers of the corporation or club as individuals. At least one of the three officers must have been a resident of the jurisdiction or municipality for at least two years before the application is filed and be a registered voter and taxpayer of the jurisdiction or municipality when the application is filed.

Limited Liability Company: Generally, at least one of the authorized individuals applying for an alcoholic beverage license must (1) have been a resident of the jurisdiction or

municipality for at least two years before the application is filed and (2) be a registered voter and taxpayer of the jurisdiction or municipality when the application is filed. In Baltimore City, an authorized person of a limited liability company who holds a license for the use of the limited liability company that was granted on or before June 1, 2012, is not required to be a registered voter in the city.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: SB 1086 of 2017, as amended, passed the Senate and the House with additional amendments, but no further action was taken.

Cross File: SB 395 (Senator Conway, *et al.*) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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