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Senate Bill 824

(Senator McCray)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Class C Beer, Wine, and Liquor Licenses

This bill authorizes the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners, if the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the Charles North Community Association, to issue a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license to a club in the area bounded by North Charles Street on the west, East Lafayette Avenue on the north, North Lovegrove Street on the east, and East Lanvale Street on the south in the 45th alcoholic beverages district. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Baltimore City revenues increase by \$1,150 in FY 2021 and \$600 annually thereafter from license fees associated with the issuance and renewal of one additional Class C beer, wine, and liquor license under the bill. Baltimore City can monitor licenses with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: The board generally may not issue a new alcoholic beverages license in the 40th, 41st, 43rd, 44th, or 45th alcoholic beverages districts. However, the law specifies several exceptions. Among these exceptions, the board may issue a Class C BWL license in the 45th alcoholic beverages district and specified areas of the 40th and 44th alcoholic beverages districts.

In Baltimore City, Class C licenses generally authorize clubs and other organizations to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption. A Class C BWL license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at a club at the place described in the license for on-premises consumption. The annual license fee is \$550.

Background: In fiscal 2019, there were 52 Class C beer, wine, and liquor licenses issued in Baltimore City.

Local Fiscal Effect: Baltimore City advises that one new Class C beer, wine, and liquor license will be issued under the bill beginning in fiscal 2021. Accordingly, license fee revenues increase by \$1,150 in fiscal 2021 and \$600 annually thereafter. This estimate includes an initial \$600 application fee and a \$50 renewal fee for the license.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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