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Senate Bill 1046

(Senator McCray)

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Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Class B-D-7 Licenses

This bill authorizes the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to issue, by July 1, 2022, a Class B-D-7 alcoholic beverages license for a property surrounded by East Lafayette Avenue on the south, North Charles Street on the west, East Trenton Street on the north, and North Lovegrove Street on the east. The license applicant must execute a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Charles North Community Organization. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2020.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Baltimore City revenues increase to the extent a Class B-D-7 license is issued under the bill. Baltimore City can monitor licenses with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill specifies if a community association and an applicant for the issuance or renewal of a Class B-D-7 license have entered into a MOU that expressly acknowledges the authority of the board, the board may condition the issuance or renewal of the license on the substantial compliance of the applicant with the MOU.

Current Law: The board may issue a Class B-D-7 license if it determines, upon consideration of the number of beer, wine, and liquor outlets in the affected area and the outlets' days of sale, that the license is reasonably necessary for public convenience. A

Class B-D-7 license authorizes the licensee to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on- and off-premises consumption. The annual license fee is \$1,320.

If a community association and an applicant for the issuance or renewal of a Class B or Class D alcoholic beverages license have entered into a MOU that expressly acknowledges the authority of the board, the board may condition the issuance or renewal of the license on the substantial compliance of the applicant with the MOU.

Background: Baltimore City advises that, as of December 2019, there were 398 active Class B-D-7 licenses in the city.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: None.

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