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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

Third Reader - Revised

House Bill 1210

(Delegate Amprey)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Transfer

This bill authorizes the transfer of one Class A beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license, issued for a property in Baltimore City bounded by West Eager Street, Morton Street, Brexton Street, and Cathedral Street, to a property bounded by East Chase Street, North Lovegrove Street, East Eager Street, and North Charles Street. The bill also authorizes the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to waive the general distance restrictions for an application to transfer a license into the area bounded by East Chase Street, North Lovegrove Street, East Eager Street, and North Charles Street. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2022.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect Baltimore City finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: In Baltimore City, unless otherwise specified, an alcoholic beverages license may generally not be transferred into the 40th, 41st, 43rd, 44th, or 45th alcoholic beverages district. In addition, the board generally may not issue a new license or approve the transfer of an existing license to a building within 300 feet of a place of worship or school.

In Baltimore City, a Class A BWL license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail, in a sealed package or container. The package or container may not be opened, and its contents may not be consumed on the premises where the beer, wine, or liquor is sold. The annual license fee is \$858.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Designated Cross File: SB 430 (Senator Hayes) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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