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Senate Bill 45
Finance

(Senator McCray)

Economic Matters

Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - B-D-7 Licenses - Hours of Sale

This bill alters a specified geographic area in the 45th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City where (1) a holder of a Class B-D-7 beer, wine, and liquor license may not sell alcoholic beverages before 9:00 a.m. or after 10:00 p.m. and (2) a license holder, other than licensees specified, may not sell alcoholic beverages before 9 a.m. or after 10 p.m. and may not be extended if they begin later than 9 a.m. or end before 10 p.m. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2024.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Baltimore City can handle any additional enforcement with existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: The Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners 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.

A Class B-D-7 licensee, and other license holders, other than licensees specified, may sell beer, wine, and liquor from 9 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in an area bounded on the north by North Avenue, on the west by Central Avenue and Harford Avenue, on the south by Monument Street as it runs from North Central Avenue to North Wolfe Street and McElderry Street as it runs from North Wolfe Street to Luzerne Avenue, and on the east by Luzerne Avenue as it runs from Monument Street to Federal Street, then by Rose Street as it runs from Federal Street to North Avenue.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

Designated Cross File: HB 335 (Delegates Addison and Young) - Economic Matters.

Information Source(s): Baltimore City; Department of Legislative Services

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