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(Senator Attar)

Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - License Extension

This bill extends the expiration of a Class B-D-7 license issued for a premises on the 5700 block of Falls Road in Baltimore City to July 1, 2026, for the purpose of completing a transfer of ownership and renewal at the same location. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2025, and terminates July 31, 2026.**

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: Generally, in Baltimore City, a transfer of a license must be completed on or before 180 days after the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners approves the transfer. Within 180 days after the board approves the transfer of a license, the license holder or another appropriate interested party may make a written request to the board to extend the time authorized to complete the transfer due to hardship. The board may grant the extension if it finds after a hearing that an existing hardship caused the delay in transferring the license. An extension may not prolong the period authorized to complete the transfer beyond 270 days after the board approves the transfer.

Generally, 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 at retail at the place described in the license, for on- and off-premises consumption. The annual license fee is \$2,336.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: HB 1488 (Delegates Rosenberg and Ruff) - Rules and Executive Nominations.

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