

# SENATE BILL 642

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By: Senator Ferguson

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – 46th Alcoholic Beverages District**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to  
4 authorize the transfer of a Class B–D–7 license from an area in the 40th alcoholic  
5 beverages district into the 46th alcoholic beverages district; authorizing a license  
6 holder in a certain area in the 46th alcoholic beverages district to keep and allow  
7 individuals to consume alcohol donated by a manufacturer or wholesaler under  
8 certain circumstances; extending for a certain amount of time the expiration of an  
9 alcoholic beverage license issued for a certain area for certain transfer and renewal  
10 purposes; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Baltimore City.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

12 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

13 Section 12–102 and 12–1604(a)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

16 BY adding to

17 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

18 Section 12–1604(k)

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

21 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

22 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

23 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

24 12–102.

25 This title applies only in Baltimore City.

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 12-1604.

2 (a) This section applies only to the 46th alcoholic beverages district, which at all  
3 times is coterminous with the 46th legislative district in the Legislative Districting Plan of  
4 2022.

5 **(K) THE BOARD MAY AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF A CLASS B-D-7**  
6 **LICENSE FROM THE 700 BLOCK OF WASHINGTON BOULEVARD IN THE 40TH**  
7 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT FOR USE BY AN ESTABLISHMENT ON THE 200**  
8 **BLOCK OF SOUTH HIGH STREET IN THE 46TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT.**

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding §§ 6-308  
10 and 6-311 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a licensed establishment on  
11 the south side of the unit block of West Pratt Street may keep and allow individuals to  
12 consume on the licensed premises alcoholic beverages donated by a manufacturer or  
13 wholesaler if:

14 (1) the alcoholic beverages are donated and served at an event for which a  
15 nonprofit entity has rented the licensed premises;

16 (2) the licensee has provided to the Board of License Commissioners for  
17 Baltimore City evidence of the nonprofit status of the entity renting the licensed premises;

18 (3) the licensee serves the alcohol donated for the event;

19 (4) any related taxes have been remitted; and

20 (5) the licensee only keeps and serves alcoholic beverages in conjunction  
21 with a single rental contract.

22 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding § 12-2202  
23 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class B-D-7 beer, wine, and liquor  
24 license issued for a premises in the 1600 block of Eastern Avenue shall be considered  
25 unexpired until the end of July 1, 2027, for the purpose of being renewed to the current  
26 license year and transferred to a new owner at a premises in the 700 block of Aliceanna  
27 Street.

28 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June  
29 1, 2026. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of  
30 May 31, 2028, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General  
31 Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.