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Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – License Extension

This bill extends the termination date of a racetrack license issued by the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners for premises in the 5200 block of Park Heights Avenue until July 1, 2029. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2026, and terminates July 31, 2029.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Baltimore City expenditures and revenues are not materially affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law:

In Baltimore City, a racetrack license authorizes its holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at one or more locations in the confines of the racing park. The license fee is \$100 per day that the park is operating, with additional annual fees of \$500 if the licensee provides live entertainment, and/or \$200 if the licensee provides outdoor table or café service.

An alcoholic beverages license in Baltimore City generally expires 180 days after a license holder has closed a business or stopped selling alcoholic beverages at the licensed premises.

Additional Comments: Pimlico Race Course, located on Park Avenue in Baltimore City, began a large renovation project in July 2025, requiring the shutdown of operations (including alcohol sales) until reopening.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: HB 348 (Delegate Rosenberg, *et al.*) - Government, Labor, and Elections.

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