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SB 69

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TO: Members of the Education, Health, & Environmental Affairs Committee
FROM: Matthew Stegman, Deputy Director of Government Relations
RE: Senate Bill 69 - Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Class A-7
Licenses - Surveillance System

POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENT

Chair Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan, and Members of the committee, please be advised that the Baltimore City Administration (BCA) **supports with amendment** Senate Bill (SB) 69.

SB 69 extends the period during which the Baltimore City Board of Liquor License Commissioners may issue a Class A-7 license, alters the permitted hours of sale for A-7 license holders, and requires that holders of A-7 licenses operate a security camera monitoring system on their premises. Amendments to be offered by the bill sponsor will essentially combine this bill with SB 945, which extends a similar camera requirement on Class A BWL and Class A-2 BWL licenses.

Having additional cameras present at licensed establishments will have a positive impact on public safety. It will deter crime in the immediate vicinity of the establishments and give the Baltimore City Police Department additional resources to help solve crimes when they occur. The BCA would like to acknowledge the collaborative effort that has led to this bill. The BCA, BPD, and trade associations representing a number of City license holders have been at the table together to craft this legislation.

We respectfully request a report of **favorable with amendment** on SB 69.

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