



BALTIMORE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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TO: The Honorable Chair and Members of the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee

FROM: Michelle Wirzberger, Esq., Director of Government Affairs, Baltimore Police Dept.

RE: Senate Bill 571 – Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Licenses – Hours of Sale

DATE: February 28, 2020

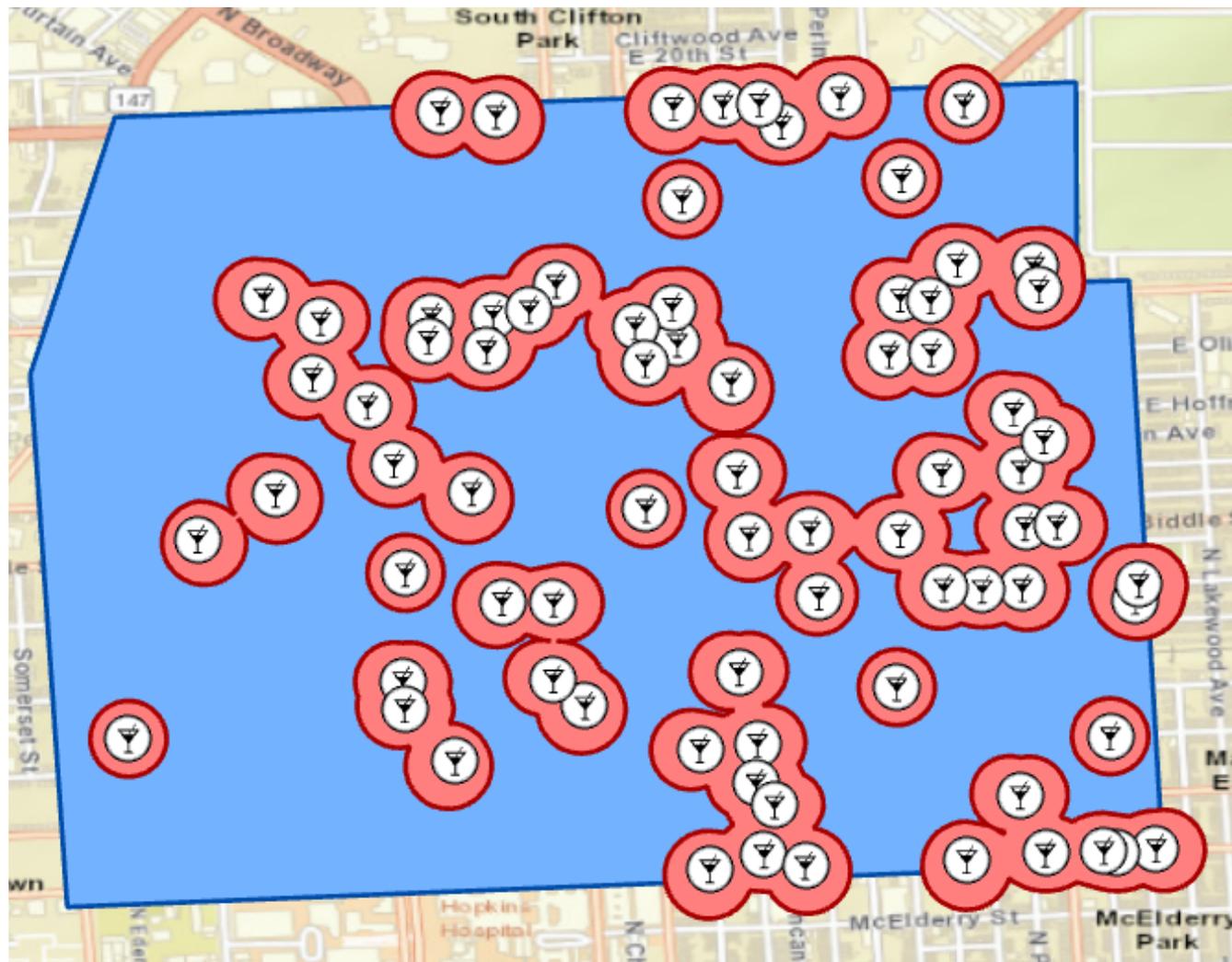
POSITION: SUPPORT

Chair Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan and members of the Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee, please be advised that the Baltimore Police Department **supports** Senate Bill 571.

Senate Bill 571 is legislation specific to Baltimore City, which allows the Baltimore City Board of Liquor License Commissioners to issue a Class B-D-7 License to a holder in the area of Baltimore City bounded on the North by North Avenue, on the West by Central Avenue and Harford Avenue, on the South by Monument Street, 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. Currently, holders of a D-B-7 license in the location described can sell liquor between the hours of 9:00am and 2:00am. SB 571 would reduce the hours of operation.

The area described within the bill has seen numerous incidents of violent crime including assaults and murders. Attached to this letter is further information regarding the crimes that have occurred within the affected area. SB 571 limits the time in which people will have access to certain catalysts for poor behavior and will limit foot traffic on the street outside of liquor establishments located in the described area. BPD supports SB 571 and sees the legislation as a creative approach to dealing with a significant crime problem.

Therefore, we respectfully request a **favorable** report on Senate Bill 571.



Blue area: The area bounded by North, Rose, Luzerne, Monument, Central, Harford.
The blue area totals 0.7 square miles

Red areas: 250 Ft buffer with all liquor establishments within the above blue boundary.
The red area totals 0.4 square miles

The total area within the boundary (blue + red) equals 1.1 square miles

Calls for Service in 2019

	Boundary (Blue)	Buffer (Red)	% Diff
Area (sq mi)	0.7	0.4	-42.9%

Crimes per Sq Mi	Boundary (Blue)	Buffer (Red)	% Diff
Total Part 1 Crimes	2039	2958	45.1%
Violent Crimes	414	693	67.2%
Dischargings	253	480	89.8%
Rape/Sex Off.	20	18	-12.5%
Narcotics/Street Dist.	670	2713	304.9%
OD/Non-breathing	387	798	106.0%
Public Disturbance*	3121	5890	88.7%
Total	6904	13548	96.2%

* lying in street, noise complaints, public intoxication,

The buffer area is 43% smaller but contains 45% more Part 1 CFS, 90% more dischargings, 305% more Narcotics-related calls, and 89% more public disturbance and quality of life complaints. The red buffer area which contains all liquor establishments contains a higher density of calls than the other areas within the boundary.