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**HB0868- Baltimore City - 45th District - Alcoholic Beverages - Class B-D-7 License
Bill Hearing: Economic Matters, February 19th, 2021, 1:30 PM**

Chairman Davis, Vice Chair Dumais, and members of the Economic Matters committee,

HB0868 would be authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class B-D-7 license at the address of 4801 Harford Road, housing the Fire and Ice Sushi Restaurant, in the 45th alcoholic beverages district if the applicant meets very specific requirements as outlined in the bill.

This bill comes with letters of support from both co-owners and the Waltherson Improvement Association. In the Waltherson letter, it also notes support from the bordering community association, Moravia-Walther Improvement Association. The letters of support come with conditions in addition to the parameters outlined in the bill itself, to which both owners have agreed and complied. Under the current law 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.

For the reasons outlined above, I urge the committee to vote favorably on HB0868.

Delegate Stephanie Smith