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Testimony of Delegate Samuel I. Rosenberg  
Before the House Economic Matters Committee  
In Support Of  
**House Bill 256**

**Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Hours of Sale**

Mister Chairman and Members of the Committee:

Owners of city-issued liquor licenses should comply with the law or be reprimanded if they fail to do so.

Certain establishments in the City cause recurring problems for citizens who live near them. This results in a higher level of police activity.

The Frederick Station Saloon ("Saloon"), located at 4109 Frederick Ave., is the problematic license holder in this case. The Irvington Community Association brought this problem to the attention of the 41<sup>st</sup> District delegation and Delegate Keith Haynes. Irvington is in both the 41<sup>st</sup> and 44A districts. The Saloon is in District 44A.

The Saloon has been cited numerous times by the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for violations. In an October 11, 2018 decision, Chairman Matricciani stated, "This is as I count the sixth violation since the Licensee has had the license... [I] suspend the license for five days starting immediately."

Secondly, data from the Baltimore Police Department, indicates that the block where the Saloon is located had 93 dispatched police calls in 2020. Of these 93 calls, 66 were for narcotics.

4013 Frederick Avenue	
Call Type	# of Calls
Aggravated Assault	1
Burglary	1
Common Assault	6
Destruction of Property	1
Discharging of Firearm	1
Disorderly	16
Injured Person	1
Narcotics	66
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>93</b>

Current law allows the Saloon to operate from 6 a.m. until 2 a.m. the following day. Senate Bill 396 would address the problems associated with this license by placing limits on the operating hours. SB 396 would allow the Saloon to operate from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

There have been two previous instances where this delegation and the legislature have restricted the operating hours of establishments who hold a BD7 liquor license in Baltimore City. These can be found in Section 12-905(d)(2).

HB 256 would discourage individuals from congregating on this block late at night and being involved in public nuisance and narcotics crimes.

I urge the committee to take favorable action on House Bill 256.

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