



THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

**Testimony of Senator Jill P. Carter
In Favor of SB0895 – Baltimore City-Alcoholic Beverages-Licensing
Fees
Before the Finance Committee
On February 23, 2024**

Mr. Chairman, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

Senate Bill 895 would increase the annual licensing fees for all liquor licenses regulated by the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City. The enhanced fees would increase the Board's annual revenue by at least \$823,185. This increased revenue would allow up to four new liquor inspectors to be hired.

With approximately 1,200 licenses throughout Baltimore City, enforcement of all applicable laws, rules and MOUs is a sizeable and significant task. Employing additional inspectors would enable the Agency to better ensure that all licensees are operating in a way that is respectful of the communities in which they are located.

I urge this committee to issue a favorable report on SB895. Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Senator Jill P. Carter