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Statement of Senator Cory McCray in Support of Senate Bill 45 (HB0335) - Baltimore City -
Alcoholic Beverages - B-D-7 Licenses - Hours of Sale

Vote Yes to SB45/HB0335

Title: Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - B-D-7 Licenses - Hours of Sale
Finance

Hearing: February 23, 2024

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Respected Members of the Committee:

I am writing to express my support for **Senate Bill 45**, this legislation is aimed at modifying the boundaries of Baltimore City's 45th alcohol district. This legislation carries significance as it not only impacts alcohol regulations but also addresses the operating hours for B-D-7 liquor license holders within the district.

Significance and Impact: **SB45** is an essential piece of legislation which seeks to authorize alcohol sales between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. in our community. Within this timeframe, it permits alcohol sales in a specified defined area, playing a significant role in enhancing the overall well-being and economic dynamics of our district. Two community associations within the 45th district, CARE and McElderry Park, have expressed concerns about the impact of alcohol sales regulations on our communities. **SB45** aims to address these concerns by regulating the hours of alcohol sales, fostering a positive shift in our community dynamics.

Important Considerations: **SB45** emphasizes responsible community development, prioritizing public safety, community well-being, and responsible alcohol consumption through direct influence on alcohol regulations. Furthermore, the adjustments in operating hours for B-D-7 liquor license holders reflect a considerate approach to aligning alcohol sales with community preferences and requirements.

In summary, **Senate Bill 45** is a crucial measure that strives to strike a balance between economic interests and the welfare of the public in the 45th district.

Thank you for your attention, and I urge you to consider the positive impact that **Senate Bill 45** can have on our community.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Cory V. McCray', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cory V. McCray
45th District