

# **SB45 and HB335.docx.pdf**

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Good morning

My name is Cynthia Gross; and I am a lifelong resident of the East Baltimore. I am here to testify in support of SB45/HB335- Baltimore City- Alcoholic Beverages, B-D-7, License Hours of Sale. My home is one (1) block from an establishment, located at the corner of Orleans St and Montford Ave, which carries a Bd7 liquor license. As currently allowed by law, this establishment is open very late at night; actually, open into the next morning. Establishments that stay open late have a tendency, in my area, to attract individuals who use the location and hours of late hours of operation as an excuse to loiter and partake in illegal activities.

A quick review of Baltimore City's Open Data Police database showed in the last 365 days, that the 400 block of N Montford Ave /2400 block of Orleans St, where the BD7 establishment is located, experienced 2 Homicides, 3 Shootings, 5 Aggravated Assaults, 4 Auto Thefts, 4 Larcenies and 1 burglary. A police car now sits on or at the tip of the 400 block of N Montford Ave each day to attempt to deter crime for a few hours.

I understand that businesses exist to service a need/desire/want and make money. However, business owners must be responsive to and responsible for the neighborhoods they or located in, and the conditions their establishment contributes to. Limiting the hours of operation on BD7 establishments will, in my opinion, serve the same purpose as the police car that sits in the block, to deter crime. I support SB45 and urge this delegation to do the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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# **SB 45- Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - B-D-**

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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". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and a long horizontal stroke.

Cory V. McCray  
45<sup>th</sup> District