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TO: The Honorable Members of the Senate Finance Committee

FROM: Michelle Wirzberger, Esq., Deputy Executive Secretary

RE: Senate Bill 788 Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – 43rd Alcoholic Beverages District – Class BD7 Licenses

DATE: February 21, 2025

POSITION: FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENT

Chair Beidle, Vice-Chair Hayes and members of the Senate Finance Committee, please be advised that the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City Supports Senate Bill 788.

Senate Bill 788 authorizes the Board to create up to five (5) BD7 licenses in specified areas within the 43rd legislative district. The bill contains several mandates including:

- A prohibition against creating a separate packaged goods area
- A requirement that at least 51% of the establishment's average daily receipts come from the sale of items other than package goods
- The applicant for each license must execute a memorandum of understanding with the Greater Remington Improvement Association

In addition, an amendment will be offered to revive a Class "C" license located at 4500 North Charles Street that has inadvertently expired.

This bill allows for a vast array of alcoholic beverage options while simultaneously supporting small business growth and engagement of the surrounding community. Therefore, the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City respectfully requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 788.