

SB662 Annual Liquor Legislation Testimony - Financ

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SB 662 – Baltimore City – 46th Alcoholic Beverages District – Licenses

Testimony of Senate President Bill Ferguson

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Before the Senate Finance Committee

I respectfully urge my colleagues to support Senate Bill 662, the 46th District Delegation's annual local liquor bill.

This year, SB 662 currently has two components:

1. Page 2, Lines 10-12: States that if an establishment in Greektown transfers a license to a location within 300 feet of a place of worship or school, the new licensee must enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the local community association. This section clarifies intent from legislation passed in the 2024 Legislative Session.
2. Page 2, Line 32 and Page 3, Line 31: Extends the time by which the owner of a Class B license on the 3500 Block of Boston Street in Canton may keep the license active for purposes of a transfer to a different establishment on the 3600 Block of Boston Street due to unexpected operator changes.

Thank you for your consideration of SB 662 and I urge the Committee to report the bill favorably.