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BY: Senator M. Washington  
(To be offered in the Finance Committee)

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 788  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 7, after the semicolon insert “~~extending for a certain amount of time an alcoholic beverages license issued for a certain area for the purpose of renewal;~~”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, after line 25, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding § 12–2202 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class C license issued for a premises in the 4500 block of North Charles Street shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, 2026, for the purpose of being renewed to the current license year by the licensee.”;

and in line 26, strike “2.” and substitute “3.”.

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TO: The Honorable Members of the Senate Finance Committee

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RE: Senate Bill 788 Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – 43<sup>rd</sup> 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 43<sup>rd</sup> 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.