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**THE SENATE OF MARYLAND**  
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**Testimony of Senator Antonio in Support of Senate Bill 939 Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Authorizations and Revisions**

Dear Chair Beidle and members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I am pleased to present Senate Bill 939 – Baltimore City Alcoholic Beverages – Authorizations and Revisions with amendments. This legislation serves several key purposes aimed at improving the licensing process, fostering economic growth, and enhancing the vibrancy of Baltimore City.

Specifically, SB 939:

- Creates a Per Diem License Structure – Establishes a Per Diem License with a \$250 application fee for submissions made at least two weeks before an event. The bill also sets clear regulations for the application and approval process to ensure efficiency and consistency.
- Authorizes a Class C Beer and Light Wine License for Coppin State University – Allows the university to sell beer and wine at games, events, and other campus activities, making Coppin State more competitive in attracting events while enhancing the overall event experience.
- Grants a Class C Beer and Wine License to the Groomatory Barbershop – Located in the 800 block of North Howard Street, this measure expands service offerings and supports small business growth.
- Broadens Existing Boundaries on Liquor Store Hours – Adjusts operating hours in areas with high instances of violence, particularly nonfatal shootings and homicides, to enhance public safety and community well-being.

- Establishes a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor License for Small Restaurants – Permits certain restaurants with fewer than 75 seats to obtain a liquor license, including Black Cat Bakery and Cafe on the even side of South Carrollton Avenue.
- Streamlines the One-Day Licensing Process – Creates a well-regulated, transparent, and efficient approval and revocation process for one-day licenses. The bill grants the Baltimore City Board of Liquor License Commissioners the authority to develop a clear vetting procedure and revoke applications when necessary, ensuring public safety while maintaining fairness and consistency.

This legislation promotes economic equity by providing long-overdue opportunities to historically disenfranchised communities. It supports local businesses, attracts tourism and reinvestment, and fosters greater civic engagement—all of which are critical to Baltimore City’s broader revitalization efforts.

Furthermore, allowing Coppin State University to obtain a Class C Beer, Wine, and Liquor License will create a more dynamic and vibrant corridor. This change will enhance sporting events, dining experiences, and community engagement, contributing to sustained economic growth in the 40th District.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge a favorable report on SB 939 with the sponsor amendments.

Respectfully,



Senator Antonio L. Hayes  
40<sup>th</sup> Legislative District – MD

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February 20, 2025

The Honorable Senator Pamela Beidle, Chair  
Finance Committee  
3 East, Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Re: Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages- Authorizations and Revisions - Licenses (SB939)

Dear Chair, Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and Committee Members,

On Monday, February 20, 2025, the Baltimore City Senate Delegation voted Favorable on Senate Bill 939 Baltimore City -Alcoholic Beverages- Authorizations and Revisions - Licenses (SB939) With Amendments. Please see the attached voting roster.

Pursuant to Senate customs, we ask the Finance Committee to bring Senate Bill 939 to a vote. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office or the offices of my colleagues regarding this legislation. Thank you for your kind consideration of our position regarding this important bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mary L. Washington".

Senator Mary L. Washington, PH. D

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**Voting Record – 2025 Regular Session**

**Date:** February 20, 2025

**Bill/Resolution Number:** SB939

**Bill Title:** Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages- Authorizations and Revisions - Licenses

**Sponsor:** Senator Antonio Hayes

**Motion:** **Favorable**

Senator	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Washington, Mary <i>Chair</i>	✓			
Ferguson, Bill	✓			
Attar, Dayla	✓			
Hayes, Antonio	✓			
McCray, Cory	✓			

# **SB939\_SponsorAmendment\_313829**

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BY: Senator Hayes  
(To be offered in the Finance Committee)

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 939  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 6, after the second “licenses” insert “, and limiting the number of licenses that may be issued to a person for the same location within a certain period of time”; in line 8, after “district;” insert “prohibiting certain license holders in a certain area of the 40th alcoholic beverages district from selling alcoholic beverages at certain times of day”; in line 16, strike “12-1311 and 12-1603(c)(17) and (18)” and substitute “12-1311, 12-1603(c)(17) and (18), and 12-2005(d)”; and in line 21, strike “(22)” and substitute “(21)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 19, after “TO” insert “:

**(1)**;

and in the same line, after “LICENSE” insert “; **OR**

**(2) LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CLASS C PER DIEM LICENSES THAT MAY BE ISSUED TO A PERSON FOR THE SAME LOCATION WITHIN A CALENDAR YEAR**”.

On page 4, in line 20, after “ASSOCIATION;” insert “**AND**”; and strike beginning with the first “A” in line 21 down through “**(22)**” in line 28.

On page 5, after line 4, insert:

“12-2005.”



(d) (1) This subsection does not apply to:

(i) a Class B beer and light wine (restaurant) license;

(ii) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor (restaurant) license issued under § 12-1603(c)(1)(ii) of this title;

(iii) a Class B-BWL (H-M) license;

(iv) a Class C beer and wine license;

(v) a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license;

(vi) an arena license; [or]

(vii) a marketplace license; OR

**(VIII) A CLASS M-F (MUNICIPAL FAMILY FUN CENTER)**

**LICENSE.**

(2) For a license holder in the 40th alcoholic beverages district, the hours of sale for alcoholic beverages may not begin before 10 a.m. or end after 10 p.m.:

(i) within an area bounded:

1. from the intersection of Reisterstown Road and Quantico Avenue, northwest on Reisterstown Road to the intersection with Wylie Avenue, northeast on Wylie Avenue to the intersection with Pimlico Road, northwest on Pimlico Road to the intersection with Dupont Avenue, east on Dupont Avenue to the intersection with Pall Mall Road, southeast on Pall Mall Road to the intersection with Edgecombe Circle North, east on Edgecombe Circle North to the intersection with Finney Avenue, south on Finney Avenue to the intersection with Oakford Avenue, west on Oakford Avenue to the intersection with Pall Mall Road, southeast on Pall Mall Road to the intersection with Loyola Northway, southwest on Loyola Northway to the intersection with Pimlico Road, southeast on Pimlico Road to the intersection with

Quantico Avenue, and southwest on Quantico Avenue to the intersection with Reisterstown Road; and

2. from the intersection of Millington Avenue with Wilkens Avenue, northwest on Millington Avenue to the intersection with Frederick Avenue, northeast on Frederick Avenue to the intersection with West Pratt Street, east on West Pratt Street to the intersection with South Mount Street, south on South Mount Street to the intersection with Eagle Street, southwest on Eagle Street to the intersection with South Smallwood Street, northwest on South Smallwood Street to the intersection with Wilkens Avenue, and southwest on Wilkens Avenue to the intersection with Millington Avenue;

(ii) within the area of West North Avenue between the 1000 block of West North Avenue and the 3200 block of West North Avenue, inclusive; [and]

(iii) for a license holder within 250 yards in any direction of the area described in item (ii) of this paragraph; AND

**(IV) WITHIN AN AREA BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH FULTON AVENUE WITH NORTH AVENUE, NORTH ON NORTH FULTON AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION WITH PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NORTHEAST ON NORTH FULTON AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION WITH DRUID HILL AVENUE, SOUTHEAST ON DRUID HILL AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION WITH MOSHER STREET, SOUTHWEST ON MOSHER STREET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH NORTH CAREY STREET, NORTH ON NORTH CAREY STREET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH NORTH AVENUE, AND WEST ON NORTH AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION WITH NORTH FULTON AVENUE.”.**

# **SB939\_SponsorAmendment\_863025**

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**SB0939/863025/1**

BY: Senator Hayes  
(To be offered in the Finance Committee)

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 939  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 8, after “district;” insert “prohibiting certain license holders in a certain area of the 40th alcoholic beverages district from selling alcoholic beverages at certain times of day;”.

On page 1, in line 16, strike “12–1311 and 12-1603(c)(17) and (18)” and substitute “12–1311, 12–1603(c)(17) and (18), and 12–2005(d)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, after line 4, insert:

“12–2005.

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# **BLLC Support SB939 Senate Finance.pdf**

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TO: The Honorable Members of the Senate Finance Committee

FROM: Michelle Wirzberger, Esq., Deputy Executive Secretary

RE: Senate Bill 939 Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Authorizations and Revisions

DATE: February 21, 2025

**POSITION: SUPPORT 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 939.

Senate Bill 939 provides for the creation of a Class “C” license in the 2500 block of West North Avenue if the applicant abides by certain provisions such as the establishment of an MOU with the Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council; the creation of a Class “B” license on in the unit block of south Carrollton Avenue if the applicant executes an MOU with the Hollins Roundhouse Association and the Board of Liquor License Commissioners waives the minimum seating requirement.

In addition, Senate Bill 939 authorizes the Board of Liquor License Commissioners (the Board) to adopt regulations articulating the process an entity must follow in order to apply for a Class “C” per diem license. It also establishes a fee of \$250 that must be paid if a per diem application is submitted less than two (2) weeks before the scheduled event requiring the per diem license. An amendment being offered will allow the Board to determine how many per diem licenses may be issued to a person for the same location within a calendar year. This provision will reduce the likelihood that this type of license can be used inappropriately and/or in a manner that circumvents various restrictions currently in law.

Finally, Senate Bill 939 expands the area within the 40<sup>th</sup> legislative district, wherein certain classes of licenses must operate only from 10:00 am to 10:00 pm.

This bill allows for a variety of alcoholic beverage options while also allowing the Board to develop much needed standards to ensure that per diem licenses are being utilized in a responsible manner. Therefore, the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City respectfully requests a favorable report on Senate Bill 939.