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**Senator Attar's Testimony in Support of Senate Bill 361 - Baltimore City - Alcoholic
Beverages - License Extension**

February 20, 2026

Dear Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and Honorable Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Senate Bill 361 – Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – License Extension.

Under Maryland Code, Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis § 12-2202, a liquor license expires 180 days after a license holder has closed its business or ceased active alcoholic beverage operations at the licensed premises. Due to the ongoing renovation of Pimlico Race Course, located in the 5200 block of Park Heights Avenue, the Maryland Jockey Club has appropriately closed its business and ceased the sale of alcoholic beverages at that location.

Because renovations to Pimlico Race Course will exceed 180 days and may also exceed any additional extension period currently authorized under existing law by the Baltimore City Board of Liquor License Commissioners, legislative action is necessary to preserve the license during this extended closure. Without this bill, the license would expire solely due to the duration of renovations, rather than any action or inaction by the license holder.

Senate Bill 361 provides a limited and reasonable solution by specifying that the license shall be considered unexpired until July 1, 2029, allowing the Maryland Jockey Club to resume operations once renovations are complete.

An amendment has been provided for your consideration. The amendment is technical in nature and ensures that the transfer can be preserved without requiring the license holder to repeat the transfer process.

For these reasons, I respectfully urge a favorable report on Senate Bill 361. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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Senator Dalya Attar

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SENATE BILL 361

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By: **Senator Attar**

Introduced and read first time: January 23, 2026

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – License Extension**

3 FOR the purpose of extending for a certain amount of time the expiration date of an
4 alcoholic beverages license issued for a certain area of Baltimore City for the ~~purpose~~
5 purposes
6 of completing a transfer of ownership and renewal and completing renovations; and
generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in
7 Baltimore City.

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
9 That, ~~notwithstanding § 12–2202 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article,~~ a
10 racetrack license issued for a premises in the 5200 block of Park Heights Avenue shall be
considered unexpired until the end of July 1, ~~2020, 2029;~~

(1) notwithstanding § 12–1705 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Article, for the purposes of completing a transfer of ownership and renewal at the
same location; and

(2) notwithstanding § 12–2202 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article,
for the purpose of completing
11 renovations at the same location.

12 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
13 1, 2026. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and 1 month and, at the end of July
14 31, 2029, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be
15 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

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

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 361
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

In line 4, strike “purpose” and substitute “purposes”; and in line 5, after “completing” insert “a transfer of ownership and renewal and completing”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

In line 8, strike “, notwithstanding § 12-2202 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article,”; and in line 10, strike “2029,” and substitute “2029:”

(1) notwithstanding § 12-1705 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, for the purposes of completing a transfer of ownership and renewal at the same location; and

(2) notwithstanding § 12-2202 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article.”