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(To be offered in the Finance Committee)

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 972
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in lines 2 and 3, strike “**Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor Licenses**” and substitute “**Authorizations and Revisions**”; in line 6, after “limitations” insert “; prohibiting certain license holders in a certain area of the 40th alcoholic beverages district from selling alcoholic beverages at certain times of day”; and in line 15, strike “12–1603(c)(25) and (26)” and substitute “12–1603(c)(13), (25), and (26) and 12–2005(d)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 4, insert:

“(13) [if the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the Bolton Hill Community Association,] a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in the 1200 block of Eutaw Place in the 40th alcoholic beverages district IF:

(I) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BOLTON HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION; AND

(II) THE BOARD WAIVES ANY REQUIREMENTS THAT SALES MAY BE MADE ONLY TO MEMBERS AND GUESTS OF MEMBERS;”.

On page 3, after line 13, 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;
 - (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] BRUNSWICK STREET with Wilkens Avenue, northwest on [Millington Avenue] BRUNSWICK STREET to the intersection with Frederick Avenue, northeast on Frederick Avenue to the intersection with [West Pratt Street] SOUTH FRANKLINTOWN ROAD, NORTHWEST ON SOUTH FRANKLINTOWN ROAD TO THE INTERSECTION WITH HOLLINS STREET, east on [West Pratt Street] HOLLINS 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 THE EVEN SIDE OF Wilkens Avenue to the intersection with [Millington Avenue] BRUNSWICK STREET;

(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;

(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.”.

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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401
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March 13, 2026

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

Re: SB 972 - Baltimore City - 40th Alcoholic Beverages District - Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor Licenses

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

On Friday, March 13, 2026, the Baltimore City Senate Delegation voted Favorable With Amendments on Senate Bill 972 - Baltimore City - 40th Alcoholic Beverages District - Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor Licenses.

Pursuant to Senate customs, we ask the Finance Committee to bring SB 972 and the approved amendment to a favorable 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 that reads "Mary L. Washington".

Senator Mary L. Washington, PH.D

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SENATE BILL 972

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By: **Senator Hayes**

Introduced and read first time: February 14, 2026

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – 40th Alcoholic Beverages District – ~~Class B Beer, Wine, and~~**
3 **~~Liquor Licenses~~ Authorizations and Revisions**

4 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to
5 issue Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses for certain locations in the 40th alcoholic
6 beverages district, subject to certain limitations; prohibiting certain license holders
7 in a certain area of the 40th alcoholic beverages district from selling alcoholic
8 beverages at certain times of day; and generally relating to alcoholic
9 beverages licenses in Baltimore City.

8 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
9 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
10 Section 12–102
11 Annotated Code of Maryland
12 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
14 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
15 Section ~~12–1603(c)(25) and (26)~~ 12–1603(c)(13), (25), and (26) and 12–2005(d)
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

18 BY adding to
19 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
20 Section 12–1603(c)(27) and (28)
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
24 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

25 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

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1 12-102.

2 This title applies only in Baltimore City.

3 12-1603.

4 (c) The Board may issue:

(13) [if the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the Bolton Hill Community Association.] a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in the 1200 block of Eutaw Place in the 40th alcoholic beverages district IF:

(I) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE BOLTON HILL COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION; AND

(II) THE BOARD WAIVES ANY REQUIREMENTS THAT SALES MAY BE MADE ONLY TO MEMBERS AND GUESTS OF MEMBERS;

5 (25) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license for a restaurant on the even
6 side of the unit block of South Carrollton Avenue in the 40th alcoholic beverages district if:

7 (i) the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the
8 Hollins Roundhouse Association; and

9 (ii) the Board waives the minimum seating requirement under item
10 (1)(ii)2 of this subsection; [and]

11 (26) a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license on the odd side of the 800 block
12 of North Howard Street in the 40th alcoholic beverages district if:

13 (i) the applicant does not convert the license to a different license
14 class;

15 (ii) the applicant does not transfer the license to a different location;

16 (iii) alcoholic beverages are served only to patrons indoors;

17 (iv) alcoholic beverages sales begin not earlier than 10 a.m. and end
18 not later than 9 p.m.;

19 (v) the applicant provides not more than two 12-ounce offerings of
20 beer, two 6-ounce offerings of wine by the glass, or two 1.5-ounce offerings of liquor for
21 on-premises consumption by a patron while the patron is provided a barbering service
22 regulated under Title 4, Subtitle 5 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article;

23 (vi) the Board waives any requirements that sales can be made only
24 to members and the guests of members; and

25 (vii) the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the
26 Mount Vernon – Belvedere Association;

27 **(27) A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE FOR A RESTAURANT**
28 **ON THE ODD SIDE OF THE 1000 BLOCK OF WEST BALTIMORE STREET IN THE 40TH**
29 **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT IF:**

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1 (I) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF
2 UNDERSTANDING WITH THE HOLLINS ROUNDHOUSE ASSOCIATION;

3 (II) THE APPLICANT DOES NOT TRANSFER THE LICENSE TO A
4 DIFFERENT LOCATION OR TO ANOTHER PERSON; AND

5 (III) THE BOARD WAIVES THE MINIMUM SEATING REQUIREMENT
6 UNDER ITEM (1)(II)2 OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND

7 (28) A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE FOR A RESTAURANT
8 ON THE EVEN SIDE OF THE 800 BLOCK OF NORTH CHARLES STREET IN THE 40TH
9 ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT IF:

10 (I) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF
11 UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MOUNT VERNON – BELVEDERE ASSOCIATION; AND

12 (II) THE BOARD WAIVES THE MINIMUM SEATING REQUIREMENT
13 UNDER ITEM (1)(II)2 OF THIS SUBSECTION.

12-2005.

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

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

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under § 12-1603(c)(1)(ii) of this title;

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(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 Edgcombe Circle North, east on Edgcombe 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] BRUNSWICK
STREET with Wilkens Avenue, northwest on [Millington Avenue] BRUNSWICK STREET to the
intersection with Frederick Avenue, northeast on Frederick Avenue to the
intersection with [West Pratt Street] SOUTH FRANKLINTOWN ROAD, NORTHWEST ON SOUTH

FRANKLINTOWN ROAD TO THE INTERSECTION WITH HOLLINS STREET, east on [West Pratt Street] HOLLINS 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 THE EVEN SIDE OF Wilkens Avenue to the intersection with [Millington Avenue] BRUNSWICK STREET;

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14 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
15 1, 2026.

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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

Bill: Senate Bill 972

Title: Baltimore City - 40th Alcoholic Beverages District - Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor Licenses

Committee: Finance

Sponsor: Senator Antonio Hayes

For the record, I am Senator Antonio Hayes presenting Senate Bill 972 - *Baltimore City - Authorizations and Revisions*.

Across Baltimore City, local restaurants and neighborhood establishments play a vital role in supporting economic development, creating jobs, and activating commercial corridors. However, certain locations face regulatory barriers that prevent them from obtaining the types of licenses necessary to operate successfully and compete with other establishments in the city.

Senate Bill 972 addresses this issue by authorizing the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to issue Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses for specific restaurant locations within the 40th district.

As introduced, Senate Bill 972:

- Applicants must execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the appropriate neighborhood association.
- The Board of License Commissioners retains oversight and may waive certain seating requirements when appropriate.
- In the case of the odd side of the 1000 block of West Baltimore Street, licenses are restricted from being transferred to another person or location.

Since introduction, the bill has been amended to incorporate additional community safeguards and technical updates.

First, the amendments establish time-of-sale limitations for alcoholic beverages in certain areas of the 40th district, where sales may not begin before 10:00 a.m. or extend past 10:00 p.m.

Second, the amendments clarify an existing Class C license provision for the 1200 block of Eutaw Place, including requirements for a memorandum of understanding with the Bolton Hill Community Association and allowing the Board to waive the requirement that sales be limited to members and their guests.

Finally, the amendments include technical updates to statutory boundary descriptions and street references, such as updating Millington Avenue to Brunswick Street and West Pratt Street to Hollins Street, to ensure the law accurately reflects current geographic descriptions within the district.

Senate Bill 972 provides a carefully tailored tool to support neighborhood-based economic development while preserving accountability and oversight.

By enabling restaurants in the 40th District to obtain the licenses they need to operate successfully, Senate Bill 972 helps create opportunities for small businesses, supports local jobs, and contributes to the continued revitalization of Baltimore City's commercial corridors.

This Act will take effect on July 1, 2026.

I respectfully request a favorable report on Senate Bill 972.

Respectfully,

Senator Antonio L. Hayes

40th Legislative District – MD

Position: Favorable