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Senate Bill 225 (Senators Pugh and Gladden)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Economic Matters

Baltimore City - Park Heights Redevelopment Area - Alcoholic Beverages - Store Closing Hours

This bill establishes 10 p.m. as the time on Monday through Thursday at which alcoholic beverages sales must stop for establishments with a Class A beer and light wine license or a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license in the Park Heights Redevelopment Area of Baltimore City.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2013.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. Baltimore City can handle any additional enforcement activities with existing resources.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful. However, the extent to which shorter hours of sale for the seven affected businesses cannot be reliably quantified. Such a negative effect would tend to vary by establishment.

Analysis

Current Law: In Maryland, unless otherwise specified in statute, the hours during which the privileges conferred by a Class A beer and light wine license or a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license may be exercised are from 6 a.m. to midnight on every day except Sunday.

Background: There are currently six Class A beer, wine, and liquor and one Class A beer and light wine licensed package stores in the Park Heights Redevelopment Area of Baltimore City.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: SB 363 and HB 263 of 2012 proposed the same closing hours for the same licensees in the Park Heights Redevelopment Area of Baltimore City. The bills received unfavorable reports by the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee and the House Economic Matters Committee, respectively.

Cross File: HB 46 (Delegate B. Robinson) - Economic Matters.

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