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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**  
**Third Reader**

House Bill 151  
Economic Matters

(Delegate Clippinger)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – License Transfers**

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This emergency bill authorizes the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to allow the transfer of (1) a Class B-D-7 beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license from an area in ward 1, precinct 4 to an area in ward 1, precinct 5 and (2) a Class D BWL license from an area in ward 1, precinct 5, to an area in ward 1, precinct 4, as specified. The bill also extends the expiration of a specified license until July 1, 2019, for the purpose of a transfer.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** None. The bill’s authorization does not affect Baltimore City finances or operations.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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**Analysis**

**Bill Summary:** The area in ward 1, precinct 4 is bounded (1) on the north by Elliott Street; (2) on the south by Toone Street; (3) on the east by Southeast Avenue; and (4) on the west by South Robinson Street.

The area in ward 1, precinct 5 is bounded (1) on the north by Fait Avenue; (2) on the south by Hudson Street; (3) on the east by South Streeper Street; and (4) on the west by South Kenwood Avenue.

Uncodified language in the bill requires that, notwithstanding existing transfer restrictions into specific areas of Baltimore City, a specified Class D (7-day) beer and light wine license issued for a premises in the 600 block of South Montford Avenue in ward 1, precinct 3 is to be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, 2019, for purposes of being transferred to another owner and location. If the license is not transferred to another owner and location by the end of July 1, 2019, it will be considered to have expired.

**Current Law:** Generally, the board may not transfer a license into (1) ward 1, precincts 4 or 5; (2) ward 23, precinct 1; or (3) ward 24, precinct 5, except for one Class D license that may be transferred into the residential planned unit development for Silo Point located in ward 24, precinct 5.

The board may allow the transfer of not more than two Class B BWL licenses, so that the cumulative number of licenses issued or transferred is two, into the area of 829 through 919 E. Fort Avenue, but only if the board executes and enforces a memorandum of understanding between the community associations in Riverside and Locust Point regarding the nature of the proposed establishment. The board may not allow a license to be transferred out of a specified area on E. Fort Avenue and into any other area in ward 24, precinct 5.

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### **Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** SB 118 (Senator Ferguson) - Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs.

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