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House Bill 44

(Delegate Ali)

Economic Matters

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Hours of Sale

This bill exempts holders of a Class C beer and light wine license or a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license that are located in an area of Baltimore City bounded by Liberty Heights Avenue, Northern Parkway, Druid Park Drive, and Wabash Avenue, from the hours of sale restrictions that require alcoholic beverages license holders in this area to conduct sales only from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Under the bill, the license holders may sell alcoholic beverages between from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day unless they are located in the Park Heights Redevelopment Area where the hours for sale are from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Baltimore City can handle enforcement with existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

Small Business Effect: Potentially meaningful, to the extent that license holders in the affected area extend hours of sale as specified in the bill.

Analysis

Current Law:

Class C beer and light wine license: The license authorizes the sale of beer and light wine to a member of a club and a guest of the member, at retail, for on-premises consumption. The annual license fee is \$82.50.

Class C beer, wine, and liquor license: The license authorizes the sale of beer, wine, and liquor at a club for on-premises consumption. The annual license fee is \$550.

Both a Class C beer and light wine license and a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license authorize the license holder to sell alcoholic beverages for on-premises consumption from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day in the Park Heights Redevelopment Area and from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day in all other locations in the city, unless the license holder is located in an area of Baltimore City bounded by Liberty Heights Avenue, Northern Parkway, Druid Park Drive, and Wabash Avenue, in which sales are restricted to 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and may not be extended if they begin later than 9 a.m. or end before 9 p.m.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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