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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE
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Senate Bill 765

(Senator Carter)(By Request - Baltimore City
Administration)

Finance

Economic Matters

Baltimore City - 41st District - Alcoholic Beverages - Licenses

This bill authorizes the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to exchange a Class B-D-7 beer, wine, and liquor license for premises located on the odd side of the 4000 block of Frederick Avenue for a Class A-7 license. The bill repeals the provisions prohibiting the board from issuing a Class A-7 license (1) on or after July 1, 2022, and (2) in the 43rd legislative district. The bill also alters the definition of a “marketplace” to include premises expected to open within *24 months* after issuance of the marketplace license in the 41st district. The bill also authorizes the marketplace license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor, as specified, for *off-premises* consumption. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2023, and terminates June 30, 2024. The bill’s provisions related to a marketplace license terminate on June 30, 2025.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect Baltimore City finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 537 of 2018 authorized the board to issue a Class A-7 beer, wine, and liquor license. The license authorizes the holder to sell, for off-premises consumption, beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license on Monday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to midnight. The annual license fee is \$1,500. A license holder

who holds a valid Class B-D-7 license issued on or before July 1, 2018, may apply to the board to exchange the license for a Class A-7 license if the license holder first obtains approval by resolution of the Baltimore City Council. The board may not issue a Class A-7 license after June 30, 2022, and Chapter 510 of 2020 prohibited a Class A-7 license from being issued in the 43rd Legislative District.

Chapter 753 of 2022 authorized the board to issue a marketplace license in the 41st legislative district of Baltimore City, in an area bounded by Cross Keys Road, Village Square, Interstate 83, and Hamlet Hill Road. “Marketplace” means premises that (1) accommodate the public and (2) are made up of at least three food and beverage establishments, at least one of which is licensed to conduct off-premises sales, that opened to the public by July 1, 2022, or are expected to open within six months of issuance of the marketplace license. The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor from one or more establishments within the marketplace by the drink or by the bottle for on-premises consumption. The annual license fee is \$6,000; in addition, the license holder must annually pay \$500 to provide live entertainment and \$200 to provide outdoor table service.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

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