



THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

**Testimony of Senator Jill P. Carter
In Favor of SB0181 - Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Class
B–D–7 License
Before the Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs
Committee
on February 28, 2020**

Mr. Chairman, Madam Vice chair, and Members of the Committee:

This bill modifies the hours of sale for class B-D-7 license for the area bounded by Liberty Heights Avenue, Northern Parkway, Druid Park Drive and Wabash Avenue. Currently the hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. This bill changes those hours to 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

This issue has some history. In 2017, SB 1153 restricted the hours of sale to 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., but in 2018, SB 809 extended sales one hour - until 10:00 p.m. Community members were neither aware of nor in favor of this proposed change. Since the hours were extended, residents have told our delegation of an increase in quality-of-life problems such as loitering and violence in the area. They are asking that this minor modification be made.

Baltimore City Councilman Kristerfer Burnett, and local community organizations - the Northwestern District Police Community Relations Council and the Howard Park Civic Association have all submitted

letters in support of this legislation. This bill was reported out of the Baltimore City Senate Delegation with unanimous support.

I urge a favorable report from this committee on this Bill.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jill P. Carter". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

Jill P. Carter