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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB472

Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages Districts – Legislative Districting Plan References
Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
February 23, 2021

Chair Pinsky, Vice-Chair Kagan and Members of the Committee,

Senate Bill 472 is a simple bill, and is less about alcohol and more about something we all understand—redistricting. As you know, we redraw legislative districts after every census. But as you can see, after the 2012 maps were drawn, no one ever got around to updating the legislative maps. This bill does just that.

One note for my colleagues -- this bill does have a drafting error, for which I have a technical amendment which you should all have. Apparently, in our zeal to update the code with references to new redistricting maps in 2012, the bill, as drafted, inadvertently updated a section that deals with the old 47th district, back when it used to be in South and Southwest Baltimore City. But as our colleague Senator Augustine can tell us, the 47th is now in Prince George's County, so this section of the bill needs to be stricken to fix this unintended error and thus make this a local bill

With that, I urge the committee to adopt the technical amendment and issue a favorable report on SB472.

In Partnership,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mary Washington'.

Senator Mary Washington
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