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Senate Bill 243 (Senator Robinson)  
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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Baltimore City - Park Heights Redevelopment Area - Alcoholic Beverages - Store Closing Time

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This bill alters the closing time for specified alcoholic beverages licenses in the Park Heights Redevelopment Area of Baltimore City. Hours of sale for Class A beer and light wine and Class A beer, wine, and liquor licenses change from 9 a.m. to midnight, to 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Hours of sale for Class B-D-7 beer, wine, and liquor licenses change from 9 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day, to 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2018.**

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Baltimore City can handle the bill's requirements with existing resources. Revenues are not affected.

**Small Business Effect:** Minimal.

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Analysis

**Current Law:**

*Class A Beer and Light Wine License*

The Class A beer and light wine license authorizes the sale of beer and light wine at retail. The license holder must sell the beer and light wine in a sealed package or container, which

may not be opened or consumed on the premises where the beer or light wine is sold. The annual license fee is \$110.

Subject to specified restrictions, a license holder may sell beer and light wine on Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to midnight, in the Park Heights Redevelopment Area and from 6 a.m. to midnight in most other locations in the city.

*Class A Beer, Wine, and Liquor License*

The Class A beer, wine, and liquor license authorizes a holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license. The license holder must deliver the beer, wine, or liquor in a sealed package or container that may not be opened or its contents consumed on the licensed premises. A license may not be issued for a drugstore unless the applicant (1) has been doing business at the location applied for in the license for at least one year before the date of the application for the license; (2) is the assignee of a business established for at least one year before the date of the application for the license at the location applied for; or (3) has been engaged in the retail drug business for at least three years. The annual license fee is \$858

Subject to specified restrictions, a license holder may sell beer and light wine on Monday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to midnight, in the Park Heights Redevelopment Area and from 6 a.m. to midnight in all other locations in the city.

*Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License*

The Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners may issue a Class B-D-7 license if the board determines that the license is reasonably necessary for the convenience of the public. In making the determination, the board must consider the number of beer, wine, and liquor outlets in a given area and the number of days the outlets are open, rather than the nature of the outlets.

The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on- and off-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 most other locations in the city. The annual license fee is \$1,320.

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**Additional Information**

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 470 (Delegate Mosby) - Economic Matters.

**Information Source(s):** Baltimore City; Department of Legislative Services

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