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Senate Bill 616 (Senator Robinson)
Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - Transfer of License

This emergency bill requires that, notwithstanding existing transfer restrictions into specific areas of Baltimore City, a specified Class B-D-7 beer, wine, and liquor license issued for a premises in the 2200 block of West North Avenue is to be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, 2019, for purposes of completing a transfer to another owner at the same location.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: None. The bill's authorization does not affect Baltimore City finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: A transfer of an alcoholic beverages license must be completed on or before 180 days after the board approves the transfer unless the board grants a hardship extension. A written request to extend the time authorized to complete the transfer due to hardship must be made in writing by a license holder or another appropriate interested party within 180 days after the board approves the transfer of a license. The board may grant the extension if the board finds after a hearing that an existing hardship caused the delay in transferring the license. However, an extension may not prolong the period authorized to complete the transfer beyond 270 days after the board approves the transfer.

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

The board may issue a Class B-D-7 beer, wine, and liquor license if it 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 at retail at the place described in the license, for on- and off-premises consumption from 6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. the following day. The hours of sale for a license holder in the Park Heights Redevelopment Area is from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. the following day. The hours of sale for a license holder in an area bounded by Liberty Heights Avenue, Northern Parkway, Druid Park Drive, and Wabash Avenue are from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The annual license fee is \$1,320.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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