

SENATE BILL 519

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By: **Senators Conway, Ferguson, Nathan–Pulliam, Oaks, and Robinson**

Introduced and read first time: January 29, 2018

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Class A–7 License**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to
4 issue a Class A–7 beer, wine, and liquor license; establishing that the license
5 authorizes the holder to sell alcoholic beverages for off–premises consumption 7 days
6 a week during certain hours; providing that license holders who hold a certain class
7 of license are eligible to exchange that license for a Class A–7 license; providing that
8 a Class A–7 license can be issued only until a certain date; establishing an annual
9 license fee for a Class A–7 license; providing that the issuance, transfer, or renewal
10 of a Class A–7 license is complete without certain zoning approval or verification;
11 and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore City.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
14 Section 12–102
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

17 BY adding to
18 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
19 Section 12–902.1
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
23 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
24 Section 12–1407(a)
25 Annotated Code of Maryland
26 (2016 Volume and 2017 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages

12–102.

This title applies only in Baltimore City.

12–902.1.

(A) THERE IS A CLASS A–7 BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

**(B) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL BEER, WINE,
AND LIQUOR AT RETAIL AT THE PLACE DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE, FOR
OFF–PREMISES CONSUMPTION.**

**(C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A LICENSE
HOLDER WHO HOLDS A VALID CLASS B–D–7 BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE
ISSUED ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2018, MAY APPLY TO THE BOARD TO EXCHANGE THE
LICENSE FOR A CLASS A–7 LICENSE.**

**(2) THE BOARD MAY NOT ISSUE A CLASS A–7 LICENSE AFTER JULY 1,
2020.**

**(D) A HOLDER OF A CLASS A–7 LICENSE MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR
ON MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY FROM 9 A.M. TO 10 P.M.**

(E) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$1,500.

12–1407.

**(a) (1) The Board or the Board’s designee shall examine each application for
the issuance or transfer of a license within 45 days of receipt of the application to determine
whether the application is complete.**

**(2) Except as provided in paragraph (3) of this subsection, an application
for the issuance, transfer, or renewal is not complete unless the applicant has:**

**(i) obtained zoning approval or verification of zoning if the
application is for renewal;**

(ii) submitted all documents required in the application; and

(iii) paid all fines and fees that are due.

1 (3) **(I)** An application for the issuance, transfer, or renewal of a Class
2 B-D-7 license that may be issued under § 12-1603(c)(6) of this title in the Old Goucher
3 Revitalization District under § 12-1603(e) of this title is complete without an applicant
4 obtaining zoning approval or verification of zoning.

5 **(II) AN APPLICATION FOR THE ISSUANCE, TRANSFER, OR**
6 **RENEWAL OF A CLASS A-7 LICENSE THAT MAY BE ISSUED UNDER § 12-902.1 OF THIS**
7 **TITLE IS COMPLETE WITHOUT AN APPLICANT OBTAINING ZONING APPROVAL OR**
8 **VERIFICATION OF ZONING.**

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
10 1, 2018.