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House Bill 655
Economic Matters

(Delegate Clipping)

Finance

**Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages Districts – Legislative Districting Plan
References**

This emergency bill alters specified statutory references to the boundaries of Baltimore City’s alcoholic beverages districts, so that they are defined as coterminous with the legislative districts in the Legislative Districting Plan of 2022, rather than the Legislative Districting Plan of 2012. The bill requires the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to exempt an activity made unlawful by the bill if the license holder received approval from the board to conduct that activity by February 1, 2022, and has owned the licensed premises continuously since then.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Minimal. The change is technical in nature and does not directly affect Baltimore City operations or finances.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The affected provisions relate to (1) Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses in the 46th alcoholic beverage district; (2) beer, wine, and liquor tasting licenses in the 3000 block of Frederick Avenue in ward 20, precinct 9 of the 44A legislative district of Baltimore City; (3) general provisions relating to the issuance of alcoholic beverages licenses in the 40th, 41st, 43rd, 44th, 45th, and 46th alcoholic beverages districts; (4) general provisions relating to the issuance of alcoholic beverages licenses in the

46th alcoholic beverages district; (5) the transfer of licenses into the 40th, 41st, 43rd, 44th, and 45th alcoholic beverages districts; and (6) exemptions for remaining open after hours in the 46th legislative district.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

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