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**FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE**

Senate Bill 571

(Senator Della)

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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**Baltimore City - 46th Alcoholic Beverages District - Licenses**

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This bill clarifies that certain alcoholic beverages districts in Baltimore City are coterminous with legislative districts, using new wards and precincts which came into existence with the legislative districting plan of 2002 as ordered by the Maryland Court of Appeals on June 21, 2002.

The bill increases the minimum capital investment that a holder of a Class B (on-sale hotels and restaurants) beer, wine, and liquor license in Baltimore City and Baltimore County must have in a restaurant facility in order to obtain an additional license; the minimal capital investment increases from \$250,000 to \$500,000.

The board of liquor license commissioners may issue a Class C beer, wine and liquor license for use on the premises of a nonprofit organization in ward 24, precinct 5 in the 46<sup>th</sup> alcoholic beverages district. This provision terminates on December 1, 2007.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2007.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** None.

**Local Effect:** Baltimore City alcoholic beverages license revenues could increase by \$550 annually beginning in FY 2008. Expenditures would not be affected.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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## Analysis

**Current Law:** The legislative districting plan of 2002 as ordered by the Maryland Court of Appeals on June 21, 2002 ordered that the forty-seventh alcoholic beverages district be coterminous with the 46<sup>th</sup> legislative district.

In Baltimore City the minimum capital investment required for a restaurant facility to be eligible for a Class B (on-sale-hotels and restaurants) alcoholic beverages license is \$500,000. Baltimore County does not have a minimum capital requirement for an initial Class B license. In Baltimore City and Baltimore County a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license holder may obtain additional licenses as long as the restaurant facility has a minimum capital investment of \$250,000.

The Baltimore City Board of Liquor License Commissioners may not issue a new alcoholic beverages license in ward 24, precinct 5 in the 46<sup>th</sup> alcoholic beverages district.

**Local Fiscal Effect:** Baltimore City advises that there is one nonprofit organization that would be eligible for a Class C beer, wine and liquor license. The issuance of additional beer, wine, and liquor license would result in annual revenues of \$550. Expenditures would not be affected.

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### Additional Information

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