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House Bill 1141
Economic Matters

(Baltimore County Delegation)

Finance

Baltimore County - Alcoholic Beverages - Change of Location

This emergency bill authorizes the Baltimore County Board of License Commissioners to approve a change of location of a license, as specified, if the license was originally issued within the same election district and has been at the same location for at least 10 years.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: The bill does not materially affect Baltimore County finances or operations.

Small Business Effect: Minimal.

Analysis

Current Law: The board may accept an application for a license from (1) a contract purchaser of a property that becomes the owner of record of the premises to be licensed before the license is issued; (2) an owner of a premises that is proposed to be licensed; or (3) a developer of a property with the consent and authority of the owner of the property.

The board may approve a change of location of the license if (1) the license holder has engaged in an active alcoholic beverages business under the license for at least one year before applying for the change or (2) the license holder has not engaged in an active alcoholic beverages business under the license and the board approved a change of location of the license from another location within the same county election district at least five years before the application for the change of location.

Additional Information

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

Designated Cross File: None.

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