

SENATE BILL 662

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By: **Senator Ferguson**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2025

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – 46th Alcoholic Beverages District – Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring a memorandum of understanding between a certain licensee
4 and a community association within a certain bounded area in the 46th alcoholic
5 beverages district before the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City may
6 issue a license in or transfer a license to the bounded area; extending for a certain
7 amount of time the expiration of a certain license in the 46th alcoholic beverages
8 district for the purpose of transfer; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages
9 licenses in Baltimore City.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
12 Section 12–102
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2024 Replacement Volume)

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16 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
17 Section 12–1605(b)(5)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
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20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
21 Chapter 1026 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
22 Section 2

23 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
24 Chapter 1027 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
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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 and Cannabis

12–102.

This title applies only in Baltimore City.

12–1605.

(b) (5) For an establishment that is within 300 feet of the nearest point of a place of worship or school, the Board may issue a license in or approve the transfer of a license into the area specified in paragraph (1)(ii)6 of this subsection only if the license holder has received a letter of support from [a] **THE** place of worship or school that is within the bounded area **AND HAS ENTERED INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH A COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION THAT IS WITHIN THE BOUNDED AREA.**

Chapter 1026 of the Acts of 2024

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) (1) Notwithstanding § 12–1705 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class B–D–7 license issued for a premises on the 2800 block of O’Donnell Street shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, 2024, for the purpose of completing a transfer of ownership at the same location.

(2) Notwithstanding § 12–1604.1 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a holder of a Class D beer and light wine license on the 3200 block of Eastern Avenue may apply to the Board to convert to a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license if the license holder meets each requirement in § 12–1604.1 except for the requirement to maintain average daily receipts from the sale of food that are at least 51% of the total daily receipts.

(3) Notwithstanding § 12–2202 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class B–D–7 license issued for a premises in the 1600 block of Eastern Avenue shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, 2025, for the purpose of completing a transfer of ownership and transfer of location to a premises in the 600 block of South Caroline Street.

(4) (i) Notwithstanding § 12–2202 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class B license issued for a premises in the 3500 block of Boston Street shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, [2025] **2028**, for the purpose of completing a transfer of ownership and a transfer of location to a premises in the 3600 block of Boston Street.

(ii) If a Class B license transferred to the 3600 block of Boston Street under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph was originally issued as a Class B–D–7 license, the license holder may apply to the Board to convert the Class B license back to a Class B–D–7 license.

(5) Notwithstanding § 12–2202 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class B–D–7 license issued for a premises in the 600 block of South Luzerne Avenue shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, 2025, for the purpose of being renewed to the current license year by the licensee.

(b) The Board may not authorize the transfer of a license in ward 24, precinct 5 to a person or a location that has received and retained funding awarded under a legislative bond initiative.

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8 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
9 1, 2025.