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**The Honorable Eric T. Costello
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PUBLIC HEARING

**TUESDAY, JULY 2, 2024
10:09 AM**

COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Council Resolution #24-0220R

**Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License to a
Class A-7 License for Use at 1515 Pennsylvania Avenue, 21217**

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BILL SYNOPSIS

Committee: Ways and Means

Resolution: 24-0220R

Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License to a Class A-7 License for Use at 1515 Pennsylvania Avenue, 21217

Sponsor: Councilmember Costello, et al
Introduced: June 10, 2024

Purpose:

For the purpose of providing the required approval under Md. Code Ann., Alc. Bev. § 12-902.1(d)(1) to allow the license holder holding a valid Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License issued for use at 1515 Pennsylvania Avenue, 21217 to apply to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City to exchange their Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License for a Class A-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License.

Effective: Upon enactment.

Agency Reports

Law Department	Favorable
Department of Transportation	None as of this writing
Board of Liquor License Commissioners	None as of this writing
Health Department	None as of this writing
Police Department	None as of this writing

Analysis

Current Law

Maryland Annotated Code – Alcohol Beverages, outlines the rules, regulations and etc., for the exchange of Liquor Licenses.

Background

The Maryland Annotated Code under Alcoholic Beverages allows a license holder who holds a valid Class B-D-7 beer, wine, and liquor license issue on or before July 1, 2018 to apply to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners to exchange the license for a Class A-7 license if the license holder first obtains approval by Resolution of the Baltimore City Council.

24-0220R is the Resolution necessary to allow for the exchange of the Liquor License for the establishment located at 1515 Pennsylvania Avenue, zip code 21217.

If the Resolution is enacted, the establishment may sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail for off-premises consumption from 10:00 am to midnight, seven (7) days per week.¹

Additional Information

Fiscal Note: None

Information Source(s): Maryland Annotated Code, Resolution 24-0220R and all agency reports received as of this writing.

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Analysis Date: June 28, 2024

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¹ See MD. CODE ANN. ALC. BEV. § § 12-902.1(c) and (e).

Council Bill 24-0220R

AGENCY REPORT(S)

See attached

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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Mayor



DEPARTMENT OF LAW
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June 25, 2024

The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
Attn: Executive Secretary Room 409, City Hall
100 N. Holliday Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Resolution 24-0220R – Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License to a Class A-7 License for Use at 1515 Pennsylvania Avenue, 21217

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Resolution 24-0220R for form and legal sufficiency. The resolution would provide the required approval under Section 12-902.1(c) of the Alcoholic Beverages Article of the Maryland Code to allow a holder of a valid Class B-D-7 beer, wine and liquor license to apply to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (“Liquor Board”) to exchange that license for a Class A-7 beer, wine and liquor license for use at 1515 Pennsylvania Avenue, 21217. The applicable section of the MD Code applies to any holder whose Class B-D-7 liquor license was valid as of July 1, 2018. Once the liquor license holder receives approval by the City Council Resolution, the licensee can then demonstrate to the Liquor Board that it meets the criteria for the license exchange.

The Law Department can approve the resolution for form and legal sufficiency.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ashlea Brown".

Ashlea Brown
Chief Solicitor

cc: Ebony M. Thompson, City Solicitor
Nina Themelis, Mayor’s Office of Government Relations
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**CITY OF BALTIMORE
COUNCIL BILL 24-0220R
(Resolution)**

Introduced by: Councilmember Costello
Introduced and read first time: June 10, 2024
Assigned to: Ways and Means Committee

REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Transportation, Board of Liquor License Commissioners, Health Department, Police Department

A RESOLUTION ENTITLED

1 A COUNCIL RESOLUTION concerning

2 **Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License**
3 **to a Class A-7 License for Use at 1515 Pennsylvania Avenue, 21217**

4 FOR the purpose of providing the required approval under Md. Code Ann., Alc. Bev.
5 § 12-902.1(d)(1) to allow the license holder holding a valid Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and
6 Liquor License issued for use at 1515 Pennsylvania Avenue, 21217 to apply to the Board of
7 Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City to exchange their Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine,
8 and Liquor License for a Class A-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License.

9 **Recitals**

10 Under Md. Code Ann., Alc. Bev. § 12-902.1(d)(1), a City Council resolution is required to
11 allow a current holder of a valid Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License issued on or before
12 July 1, 2018, to apply to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (the
13 “Board”) to exchange their Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License for a Class A-7 Beer,
14 Wine, and Liquor License.

15 The Class A-7 License authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at
16 the place described in the license for off-premise consumption. The holder of a Class A-7
17 License may sell beer, wine, and liquor on Monday through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to midnight.

18 The license holder wishes to apply to the Board to exchange the Class B-D-7 License issued
19 for use at 1515 Pennsylvania Avenue, 21217. Accordingly, representatives of the license holder
20 have applied to the Baltimore City Council for approval of the exchange.

21 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE**, That the City
22 Council authorizes, by and through this resolution, that the current holder of a Class B-D-7 Beer,
23 Wine, and Liquor License located at 1515 Pennsylvania Avenue, 21217, may apply to the Board
24 of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (the “Board”) to exchange its Class B-D-7
25 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License for a Class A-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor License and may be
26 afforded all the privileges and responsibilities of that license class and type under the Alcoholic
27 Beverages Article for the State of Maryland.

28 **AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Executive
29 Secretary of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.