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	SUBJECT	City Council Bill 21-0042R—Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License For Use At 3501 Boston Street to Class A-7 License For Use At 3901 Boston Street		

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TO

The Honorable President and
Members of the City Council
City Hall, Room 400

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The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 21-0042R, the purpose of which is to approve the exchange of a Class B-D-7 License for use at 3501 Boston Street to a Class A-7 License for use at 3901 Boston Street.

Background

The passage of Senate Bill 519, Baltimore City-Alcoholic Beverages-Class A-7 License, in the 2018 Maryland General Assembly session authorized the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners to issue a Class A-7 license. A Class A-7 License authorizes the sale of beer, wine, and liquor from 10:00am to 12:00am Monday through Sunday and prohibits on-site consumption, although some locations in the City have different authorized hours depending based on State regulations. The current Class B-D-7 license authorizes the sale of beer, wine, and liquor for on- and off-premises consumption from 6:00am to 2:00am. This legislation transfers the license to a new property since the business is moving locations.

Fiscal Impact

The annual license fee for an A-7 license is \$1,500, compared to \$1,320 for a Class B-D-7 License. The City will receive an additional \$180 from this license change. While the license change reduces hours of operation, the City does not receive sales revenue from these purchases.

Conclusion

This bill approves the exchange of a Class B-D-7 License for use at 3501 Boston Street to a Class A-7 License for use at 3901 Boston Street, as authorized by the Maryland General Assembly. There is minimal fiscal impact from this license change.

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