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From: Mr. Thomas R. Akras, Esq. Deputy Executive Secretary

Re: Summary of the Effects of the Council Bill 17-0095

Date: 8/15/2017

Effects of Council Bill 17-0095

This legislation would remove the Board of Liquor License Commissioners and all applicable employees from the jurisdiction of the Baltimore City Ethics Board. This legislation was introduced due to the passage of HB1386 during the 2017 Maryland Legislative Session.

HB1386 not only subjects the BLLC to the Maryland Public Ethics Law, but almost every other Board of Commissioners and their employees in the State, except those jurisdictions wherein the local county council serves as the Board of Commissioners.

HB1386 subjects the members and employees of the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (BLLC) to the Maryland Public Ethics law, effective October 1, 2017.

The passage of Council Bill 17-0095 would bring the City into compliance with State law, and avoid any conflicts between the requirements of Baltimore City Ethics Board and the State Ethics Commission.