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The Baltimore City Health Department supports City Council Bill 08-0163. The purpose of the bill is to establish the Board of Licenses for Live Entertainment and the Office of Hospitality Services.

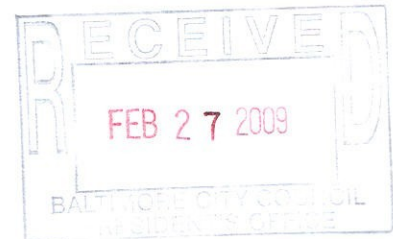
Live entertainment, such as musical acts, dance or theatrical acts, are enjoyed by the majority of the population. In an urban setting, however, there needs to be a balance between the desire to entertain and the needs of the residents located nearby, the priority being that the residents are not encumbered by unnecessary nuisances.

The Health Department is responsible for investigating noise complaints. Noise complaints include excessive noise emitting from an establishment due to live entertainment. With the creation of the Board of Licenses for Live Entertainment, factors such as amplification, noise levels, need for noise proofing, the location of the venue, the size of the venue, etc. will be reviewed prior to issuing a live entertainment license. These considerations take into account the local residents and hopefully reduce excessive noise levels from entertainment sources.

This bill also creates the Office of Hospitality Services. This office will oversee the Board of Licenses for Live Entertainment. Furthermore, it will provide a community liaison, who will be available to the public.

The Health Department supports this bill. The establishment of both these administrative bodies will promote a peaceful co-existence of live entertainment and local residents.

Cc: Angela Gibson



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