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SUBJECT	City Council Bill 21-0059R—Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License to Class A-7 License- 604 Poplar Grove Street	

TO

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

DATE:

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The Department of Finance is herein reporting on City Council Bill 21-0059R, the purpose of which is to approve the exchange of a Class B-D-7 License to a Class A-7 License for 604 Poplar Grove 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 on State regulations. The current Class B-D-7 license held by 604 Poplar Grove Street authorizes the sale of beer, wine, and liquor for on- and off-premises consumption from 6:00am to 2:00am.

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 exchange. While the license exchange reduces hours of operation and may impact sales revenue, this has no fiscal impact for the City as the City does not collect sales tax on these types of transactions.

Conclusion

This bill seeks to approve the exchange of a Class B-D-7 License to a Class A-7 License for 604 Poplar Grove Street, as authorized by the Maryland General Assembly. There is minimal fiscal impact from this license exchange and the Department of Finance does not oppose this legislation.

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