



CITY OF BALTIMORE
MAYOR BRANDON M. SCOTT

TO	The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
FROM	Rebecca Witt, Executive Director, BMZA
CC	Mayor's Office of Government Relations
DATE	February 7, 2025
SUBJECT	City Council Bill 25-0001

Position: Favorable.

BILL SYNOPSIS

To establish the Department of Consumer Protection and Business Licensing, define its powers and duties, create a Board of Consumer Protection and Business Licensing, transfer certain business licenses to the Department, and enable the suspension of licenses for engaging in unfair trade practices.

SUMMARY OF POSITION

At its General Meeting on February 4, 2025, the Board voted 5-0 to recommend approval of CCB 25-0001 – Department of Consumer Protection and Business Licensing. This bill would change the appeals process related to street entertainer licenses and mobile food vendor licenses, transferring this authority to hear appeals from BMZA to the proposed Department/Board of Consumer Protection and Business Licensing. As these appeals are extremely rare, this bill would have almost no effect on BMZA processes, and therefore the Board recommends approval.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

AMENDMENTS

None.