

**CITY OF BALTIMORE  
COUNCIL BILL 21-0176  
(First Reader)**

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Introduced by: Councilmembers Burnett, Dorsey, Cohen, Bullock, Middleton, Porter, Ramos, Torrence

Introduced and read first time: November 15, 2021

Assigned to: Economic and Community Development Committee

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REFERRED TO THE FOLLOWING AGENCIES: City Solicitor, Department of Planning, Board of Liquor License Commissioners, Board of Municipal and Zoning Appeals

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ORDINANCE concerning

2 **Zoning Review – Alcoholic Beverages**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Planning to conduct a certain review following  
4 the closure or sale of certain businesses; and generally relating to the zoning designation  
5 review of businesses that sell alcoholic beverages.

6 BY adding to

7 Article 32 - Zoning  
8 Sections 14-336(d) and 14-337(d)  
9 Baltimore City Code  
10 (Edition 2000)

11 **SECTION 1. BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF BALTIMORE,** That the  
12 Laws of Baltimore City read as follows:

13 **Baltimore City Code**

14 **Article 32. Zoning**

15 **Title 14. Use Standards**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS indicate matter added to existing law.  
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

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**§ 14-336. Retail goods establishments – With alcoholic beverage sales.**

(D) *REVIEW REQUIRED.*

(1) FOLLOWING THE CLOSURE OR SALE OF A RETAIL GOODS ESTABLISHMENT WITH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES, BUT BEFORE THE ESTABLISHMENT MAY REOPEN OR A NEW ESTABLISHMENT WITH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES OPENS IN THE SAME LOCATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING MUST:

(I) REVIEW THE LOCATION’S ZONING DESIGNATION;

(II) EVALUATE THE LOCATION’S IMPACT ON THE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE; AND

(III) REPORT ITS FINDINGS TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL.

(2) SUBJECT TO TITLE 4 {“ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE ACT – REGULATIONS”} OF THE CITY GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE, THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING MUST ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SUBSECTION.

**§ 14-337. Taverns.**

(D) *REVIEW REQUIRED.*

(1) FOLLOWING THE CLOSURE OR SALE OF A TAVERN, BUT BEFORE THE ESTABLISHMENT MAY REOPEN OR A NEW ESTABLISHMENT WITH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE SALES OPENS IN THE SAME LOCATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING MUST:

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**SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED,** That this Ordinance takes effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> day after the date it is enacted.