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Hon. Brandon M. Scott
President, Baltimore City Council
100 N. Holliday Street,
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Re: Council Bill 20-0247R - "Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License to a Class A-7 License – for Use at 1220 West North Avenue"

President Scott,

I write to you today concerning City Council Bill 20-0247R, which was introduced by Councilman Leon Pinkett. If adopted this resolution would allow for the holder of a Class BD7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor (BWL) license, located at 1220 West North Avenue to apply with the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (BLLC) to exchange said license for a Class A-7 BWL License.

In 2018 the Maryland General Assembly (MGA) passed SB519, which allowed Class BD7 BWL license holders to exchange their licenses for a Class A-7 BWL license contingent upon passage of a City Council Resolution in support of the exchange. In 2020, the MGA further amended the law through passage of SB69, which extended the time period for Class BD7 BWL license holders to make an exchange for an A-7 BWL license until July 1, 2022 and changed the hours of operation of a Class A-7 license.

Effective July 1, 2020 Alc. Bev. Art. 12-902.1 authorizes the holder of a Class A-7 BWL license to sell Beer, Wine, and Liquor at retail for off-premise consumption from 10:00 am to 12:00 am 7-days per week. Furthermore, starting January of 2021, a Class A-7 license holder will also have to comply with additional security camera installation and access restrictions.

If City Council Bill 20-0247R is adopted, the holder of the Class BD7 BWL license, located at 1220 West North Avenue will be authorized to exchange his license for a Class A-7 BWL license under State law. The BLLC has no objections to the adoption of this resolution.

If you have any other questions or concerns regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 410-396-4385.

Sincerely,


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Deputy Executive Secretary