



MEMORANDUM

To: The Honorable President and Members of the Baltimore City Council
c/o Karen Randle, *Executive Secretary*

From: Paul T. Graziano, *Commissioner*

Date: November 23, 2009

Re: **City Council Bill 09-0170R Request for State Legislation - Transfer of Liquor Licenses**

The Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD) has reviewed City Council Bill 09-0170R, which was introduced for the purpose of requesting the Honorable Chairs and Members of the Baltimore City Senate and House Delegations to the 2010 Maryland General Assembly to introduce legislation governing the transfer of liquor licenses.

The DHCD believes that the changes proposed in City Council Bill 09-0170R may be helpful in the regulation of various liquor establishments that have been long-standing problems in the neighborhoods and communities in which they sit. The proposed changes could be particularly helpful in addressing establishments that have avoided facing adequate penalties during the annual renewal protest process.

The Department of Housing and Community Development has no objection to the adoption of City Council Bill 09-0170R.

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cc: Ms. Angela Gibson, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Ms. Diane Hutchins, *Mayor's Office of Government Relations*
Mr. Andrew Frank, *First Deputy Mayor*

no obj.

