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Honorable Nick J. Mosby
President, Baltimore City Council
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Re: City Council Bill 21-0014R - Approval for the Exchange of a Class B-D-7 License to a Class A-7 License – 2733 Pennsylvania Avenue

President Mosby,

I write to you concerning City Council Bill 21-0014R, which was introduced by Councilmember James Torrence. If adopted, this resolution would allow for the holder of a Class B-D-7 Beer, Wine, and Liquor (BWL) license located at 2733 Pennsylvania Avenue to apply to the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City (BLLC) to exchange said license for a Class A-7 BWL license.

In 2018, the General Assembly of Maryland and Governor Hogan enacted Chapter 537 of the Laws of Maryland of 2018. This change in the law allows Class B-D-7 BWL license holders to exchange their licenses for a Class A-7 BWL license, contingent upon receiving "...approval by resolution of the Baltimore City Council."¹ Class A-7 BWL license holders may sell Beer, Wine, and Liquor at retail for off-premises consumption from 10:00am to midnight, seven (7) days per week.² Additionally, unlike Class B-D-7 BWL license holders, Class A-7 BWL license holders are required to maintain and operate a digital surveillance system equipped with high-definition cameras that provide continuous, 24-hour video monitoring placed inside and outside the licensed premises.³

If adopted, City Council Bill 21-0014R would authorize the holder of the Class B-D-7 BWL license located at 2733 Pennsylvania Ave. to exchange their license for a Class A-7 BWL license before the BLLC, as per State law. The BLLC has no position as to whether the Council approves this resolution.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nicholas T.R. Blendy".

Nicholas T.R. Blendy, Esq.
Deputy Executive Secretary

¹ See MD. CODE ANN. AB § 12-902.1(d)(1).

² See MD. CODE ANN. AB §§ 12-902.1(c) and (e).

³ See MD. CODE ANN. AB § 12-1804.2 and BLLC Rule 4.23.