

CITY OF BALTIMORE

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July 18, 2017

The Honorable President and Members  
of the Baltimore City Council  
Attn: Natawna B. Austin, Executive Secretary  
Room 409, City Hall  
100 N. Holliday Street  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202

Re: City Council Bill 17-0095 – Public Ethics Law - City Board of Liquor  
License Commissioners - Conformance to New State Law

Dear President and City Council Members:

The Law Department has reviewed City Council Bill 17-0095 and approves it for form and legal sufficiency.

The bill amends the Baltimore City Public Ethics Law to comply with Chapter 519, 2017 Acts of the General Assembly. The new State law subjects the members and employees of virtually all local liquor control boards and local boards of liquor license commissioners, including the Baltimore City Board of Liquor License Commissioners, to the restrictions and requirements of the Maryland Public Ethics Law. As a consequence, the Baltimore City Board of Liquor License Commissioners will fall under the exclusive jurisdiction of the State Ethics Commission. The ordinance takes effect on October 1, 2017.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Victor K. Tervala".

Victor K. Tervala  
Chief Solicitor

cc: David Ralph, Acting City Solicitor  
Karen Stokes, Director, Mayor's Office of Government Relations  
Kyron Banks, Mayor's Legislative Liaison  
Elena DiPietro, Chief Solicitor, General Counsel Division  
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