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House Bill 348

(Delegate Rosenberg, *et al.*)

Government, Labor, and Elections

Finance

Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages - License Extension

This bill extends the termination date of a racetrack license issued by the Baltimore City Board of License Commissioners for premises in the 5200 block of Park Heights Avenue until July 1, 2029, for the purposes of (1) completing a transfer of ownership and renewal and (2) completing renovations at the location. **The bill takes effect July 1, 2026, and terminates July 31, 2029.**

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None.

Local Effect: Baltimore City expenditures and revenues are not materially affected.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: In Baltimore City, a racetrack license authorizes its holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at one or more locations in the confines of the racing park. The license fee is \$100 per day that the park is operating, with additional annual fees of \$500 if the licensee provides live entertainment, and/or \$200 if the licensee provides outdoor table or café service.

An alcoholic beverages license in Baltimore City generally expires 180 days after a license holder has closed a business or stopped selling alcoholic beverages at the licensed premises.

Additional Comments: Pimlico Race Course, located on Park Avenue in Baltimore City, began a large renovation project in July 2025, requiring the shutdown of operations (including alcohol sales) until reopening.

Additional Information

Recent Prior Introductions: Similar legislation has not been introduced within the last three years.

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