

Senate Bill No. 912 - Baltimore City Alcoholic
Beverages Licenses

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City - Alcoholic Beverages
(License Transfer)

FOR the purpose of prohibiting certain transfers of alcoholic beverage licenses in [[a certain area]] certain areas of Baltimore City; [[making this Act an emergency measure;]] and clarifying language.

May 17, 1976.

Honorable Steny H. Hoyer
President of the Senate
State House
Annapolis, Maryland 21404

Dear Mr. President:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17, of the Maryland Constitution, I have today vetoed Senate Bill 912.

This bill authorizes the transfer of an alcoholic beverages license (hereafter referred to as a liquor license) within a legislative district in Baltimore City, but prohibits a transfer into any of nine of the eleven legislative districts in the City (Legislative Districts 39 through 47).

In addition to any existing statutory or regulatory restrictions with regard to Baltimore City liquor licenses, Senate Bill 912, if signed, would further restrict the transfer of existing licenses. Assuming that the prospective transfer of a license does not run afoul of any other restriction, the transfer may only take place if (1) it is a transfer between locations in the same legislative district, or (2) it is a transfer to a location in Legislative District 37 or 38, regardless of the former location of the license.

The Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City is authorized to issue liquor licenses in Baltimore City by virtue of Section 158 of Article 2B of the Code. Pursuant to Section 184(a) of that Article, the Board may adopt such reasonable rules and regulations as necessary for the performance of its duties. Pursuant to Section 42(a), the Board may further regulate the number of licenses in a neighborhood and exercise certain other powers related to the issuance of these licenses.