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Minutes (Approved)
Board of License Commissioners
Monday, June 23, 2025, 1:07 p.m.
Banneker Room and Web-based Virtual Meeting
Streamed at <https://cc.howardcountymd.gov/Online-Tools/Watch-Us>

Members Present: David Yungmann, BLC Chairperson; Christiana Rigby, BLC Vice Chairperson; Deb Jung, BLC Member and Liz Walsh, BLC Member.

Staff Present: Kel Berg, Board Administrator; Kiasten Miller, Administrative Assistant and Hyunjae Shin, Board Counsel.

The Chairperson called the hearing to order at **1:07** p.m.

New Liquor Legislation

The Chairperson stated that this BLC meeting was to discuss and approve two new bills passed by the State Delegation.

Matter to be considered

Class D Licenses - Delivery (House Bill 1387) – This bill allows the holder of a Class D license, or an employee of the license holder, to deliver alcoholic beverages within the county.

Discussion

Ms. Jung asked what would happen if the Board did not vote in favor of this rule, and Jae Shin from Office of Law replied nothing would happen unless someone submitted a complaint or filed a lawsuit, stating that Howard County was not in compliance with the State laws.

Ms. Jung asked about the delivery of alcohol and Mr. Shin replied that some Class D licenses had their own off-sale packaging stored in a separate area of the business, in already sealed containers, similar to liquor stores.

Ms. Walsh asked why the delegation decided to create this bill and Mr. Yungmann stated that there was no communication to the Board on the matter.

Chair Yungmann stated this new law would be a convenience for Class D businesses and that they would not be competing on a large scale with liquor stores.

Motion and Vote

The Chairperson moved to approve a revision of the rules for HB1387, which will allow Class D license holders, or an employee of the license holder, to deliver alcoholic beverages within the county. The motion was seconded by Ms. Walsh.

The roll call vote called by the Board Administrator on the motion was: Yea: Board Members Rigby, Jung, Walsh and Yungmann.

The motion passed.

Matter to be considered

Class MT (Movie Theater) License (Senate Bill 1019) – This bill is for the purpose of establishing a Class MT (movie theater) beer, wine and liquor license in Howard County; authorizes the BLC to issue the license to the owner of a movie theater who holds a certain certification; authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine and liquor to certain patrons for on-premise consumption, and authorizes the Board to set limitations on and requirements for the license.

The Board Chair stated that this type of license already exists in neighboring counties, he proposed setting the annual license fee at \$1500, and the hours for alcohol sales from 4 p.m. until midnight. The Board Chair stated that patrons of legal drinking age would be allowed a 2-drink maximum in single serve containers from a separate area with a designated counter. Food would also need to be available for purchase in the theater during the times of alcohol sales. The movie theater must be a fixed building with at least 100 permanent seats, and a movie ticket for that day would be required to purchase alcohol.

Ms. Walsh asked why the delegation decided to create this bill and Mr. Yungmann replied that AMC Theaters and Snowden Square are the only 2 movie theaters in Howard County and that the sponsors created this bill for the purpose of increasing movie theater attendance.

Ms. Walsh asked what would happen if this rule was not adopted and Mr. Yungmann replied that if someone submitted a complaint that this license exists, there would be nothing in place for which they could apply. Ms. Walsh asked why the fee should be \$1500 and Mr. Yungmann replied that the cost was in line with what other counties were charging.

Ms. Walsh asked if public testimony could be heard and Mr. Shin replied that the statute did not set a time limit for adopting the regulations, and so the Board could convene at a later time and add rules. Ms. Rigby asked if a public hearing was held as part of the approval process for an applicant and Mr. Shin replied yes. Mr. Shin added that all requirements would need to be met before this license could be issued, just like any other class of license.

Ms. Jung stated they should vote for the bill since it was already passed by the State Delegation, and if they needed to they could change the rules to make them more stringent.

Motion and Vote

The Chairperson moved to approve a revision of the rules for SB1019, which will allow a Class MT (Movie Theater) beer, wine and liquor license in Howard County, along with the rules being proposed and the annual fee of \$1500. The motion was seconded by Ms. Rigby.

The roll call vote called by the Board Administrator on the motion was: Yea: Board Members Rigby, Jung and Yungmann. Nay: Board Member Walsh.

The motion passed.

Adjourned: 1:34 p.m.