

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMITTEE REPORT
2016 Legislative Session

Reference No.: CB-060-2016
Draft No.: 2
Committee: PLANNING, ZONING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Date: 10/04/2016
Action: FAV (A)

REPORT:

Committee Vote: Favorable with amendments, 3-2 (In favor: Council Members Harrison, Franklin, and Taveras. Opposed: Council Members Glaros and Toles)

Staff provided an overview of the legislation and informed the Committee of written referral comments that were received. Council Members Patterson and Taveras, bill sponsors, informed the Committee that CB-60-2016 will assist in allowing an existing business to provide extended hours for patron dancing without a special exception. The Council Members explained that the liquor license held by the business allows liquor to be served until 3:00 A.M.; however, current zoning provisions require a special exception for patron dancing after 12:00 A.M.

Zoning and Legislative Counsel informed the Committee of proposed amendments to footnote 62 on page 2, to strike the references to a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license.

The Planning Board submitted a letter in support of CB-60-2016 with recommended amendments provided in their analysis of the legislation. The Chief Zoning Hearing Examiner (ZHE) reviewed the legislation and offered suggested amendments.

Arthur Horne, Law Offices of Shipley & Horne, P.A. and Maria Aguilar testified in support of the legislation.

The Committee voted favorable with the amendments provided by the Zoning and Legislative Counsel as well as certain suggested amendments from the Planning Board and ZHE as follows: in footnote 62 on page 2, strike “a valid Dance Hall Permit issued by the County Department of Permits, Inspections, and Enforcement” and insert “has” in front of “a valid Class BLX license”.