HB 786

Board of License Commissioners





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The Honorable Dereck E. Davis, Chairman Economic Matters Committee House Office Building, Room 231 6 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HOUSE BILL 786— GARRETT COUNTY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – REVISION

Dear Chairman Davis:

The Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board requested the Garrett County Delegation introduce House Bill 786. The requested legislation would amend certain provisions related to the Title 21 - Garrett County for manufacture's license delivery dates and Class B Deluxe license holder requirements for multiple license holders. In addition, the request would allow for a wine refillable container permit and Class 1 Distillery On-Premise Consumption Permit as allowed by 2019 HB 0549.

The amendment to the manufacturer's license approved days for delivery would allow for deliveries on election day. The Class B Deluxe amendments are housekeeping measures that refer to a restaurant license in another jurisdiction. It also reduces the Class B Deluxe seating requirement to match the Class B seating requirement. The creation of the Wine Refillable Container Permit was requested for license holders seeking to package wine in a to-go container like a beer growler. The request for the creation of the Class 1 Distillery On-Premise Consumption Permit is requested as permitted by 2019 HB 0549 that authorizes a local licensing board to grant an on-site consumption permit to a holder of a Class 1 distillery license and authorizes a local licensing board to establish and charge a permit fee.

The Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board ask for your favorable consideration of House Bill 786 and thank you for the support you may give this legislative issue.

Sincerely,

Deborah R. Owston

Administrator of the Board of License Commissioners

cc: Delegate Wendell Beitzel Senator George Edwards