

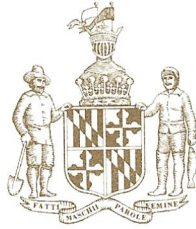
# **SB 646 Sen Carozza Testimony+Wic. Co. Support+Del.**

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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
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March 4, 2022

The Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
SB 646 Wicomico County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class B-BF (Banquet Facility) License  
Statement of Support by Bill Sponsor Senator Mary Beth Carozza

Thank you Chair Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan, and members of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee for the opportunity to respectfully ask for your support of **Senate Bill 646 Wicomico County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class B-BF (Banquet Facility) License**. This legislation, also sponsored by Senator Eckardt, is supported by the Wicomico County Council and Board of License Commissioners.

The bill would establish a Class B-BF (banquet facility) beer, wine, and liquor license, authorize the Board of License Commissioners for Wicomico County to issue the license, and set the annual license fee to \$1,500.

This legislation will result in new opportunities by authorizing the sale of beer, wine, and liquor to be sold at banquets, parties, meetings, weddings, and similar functions, provided the facility has a dining room to serve at least 100 individuals at one seating.

Business owners in Wicomico County would benefit from SB 646 by providing future investment opportunities. For these reasons, I respectfully ask for a favorable report of SB 646. Thank you for your kind consideration.



## WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

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February 15, 2022

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
Attn.: Senator Paul G. Pinsky, Chair  
2 West  
Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Senator Pinsky and Committee Members:

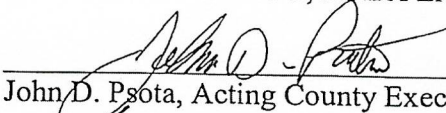
This letter is in support of Senate Bill 646, as amended by the Wicomico County Board of License Commissioners, authorizing a Class B-BF (banquet facility) beer, wine, and liquor license in Wicomico County. This license authorizes the sale of beer, wine, and liquor to be sold at banquets, parties, meetings, weddings, and similar functions, provided the facility has a dining room for serving full-course meals for at least 100 individuals, who are inside the facility or outside on the premises, at one seating.

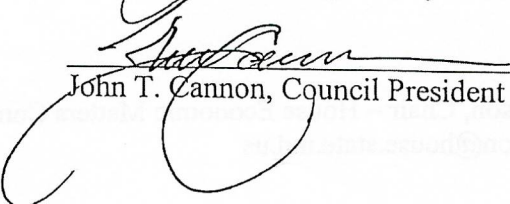
This legislation is part of an economic initiative to promote business and create jobs in Wicomico County.

We thank you for your time and consideration of this letter of support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Council Office at 410-548-4696.

Sincerely,

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

  
John D. Psota, Acting County Executive

  
John T. Cannon, Council President

cc: Wicomico County Council  
Wicomico County State Delegation

# Wicomico County Board of License Commissioners

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February 17, 2022

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Re: Senate Bills 645 and 646 and House Bills 1180 and 1181 – Banquet and Dinner Theater  
License – Wicomico County

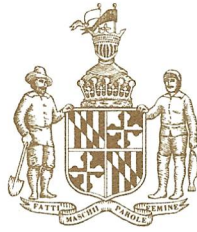
Folks,

The Wicomico County Board of License Commissioners, at a public hearing held February 15, 2022, voted unanimously to recommend to the Wicomico County Council and County Executive certain amendments to the Senate and cross filed House bills as shown on the attached mark-up to the bills introduced in the Senate.

/s/ Richard M. Duvall  
Richard M. Duvall  
Board Attorney

cc: Delegate C.T. Wilson, Chair – House Economic Matters Committee  
Via Email: [ct.wilson@house.state.md.us](mailto:ct.wilson@house.state.md.us)





THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
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March 4, 2022

**The Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee**  
**SB 646 Wicomico County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class B-BF (Banquet Facility) License**  
**Statement of Support by the Wicomico County Delegation**

Thank you Chair Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan, and members of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee for the opportunity to respectfully ask for your support of **Senate Bill 646 Wicomico County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class B-BF (Banquet Facility) License**.

This legislation is supported by the Wicomico County Council and Board of License Commissioners. The Wicomico County Delegation supports this legislation and respectfully asks for a favorable report of SB 646.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Addie Eckardt".

Senator Addie Eckardt, Chair, Wicomico County Delegation  
District 37

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary Beth Carozza".

Senator Mary Beth Carozza  
District 38



January 3, 2022

To whom it may concern:

My name is Joshua Mason, owner of Wildflower Estate LLC, a banquet facility and event venue located in Mardela Springs, MD. I am writing to express my interest in obtaining a Banquet Facility (Class B-BF) alcohol license as I believe it would help to meet the needs of my locally owned small business. I understand that a legislative change is required in order to authorize the Wicomico County Liquor Board to issue this type of license; I write in support of this legislative remedy that will serve to benefit Wicomico County business owners, such as myself. Receiving a Banquet Facility license would allow for future investment in my company as we continue to grow and create quality jobs within our community. I understand the importance of responsible alcohol consumption; by supporting this legislation, I acknowledge and understand the responsibilities that come with responsibly serving alcohol at my banquet facility.

I ask that you offer your support for this vital piece of legislation. I look forward to hearing of your decision.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joshua Mason", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Josh Mason  
Wildflower Estates LLC  
Owner