



GARRETT COUNTY GOVERNMENT
Board of License Commissioners - Liquor Control Board

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The Honorable Pamela Beidle, Chair
Finance Committee
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 East Wing
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: SENATE BILL 0428 - GARRETT COUNTY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ACT OF 2024

Dear Chair Beidle:

The Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board (Board) requested the Garrett County Delegation to introduce Senate Bill 0428. The legislative requests relate to Title 21 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article specific to Garrett County. The request includes housekeeping amendments, establishing new licenses, altering residency requirements, increasing the maximum fine and creating penalties and prohibitions at a place of adult entertainment.

The request to create a Class B Beer Resort License and Class B B&W Resort License is to accommodate a business that has more than one facility on contiguous property to have an additional license that allows just beer or beer and wine sales. Currently, there is a Class B Resort BWL License however, there are qualifying businesses who have requested to only be licensed for beer or beer and wine sales. The BWL Festival was requested by the Deep Creek Lake Art and Wine Festival committee to allow limited distilled spirits tastings. A housekeeping request to alter various sections that were authorized last session to extend hours on Sunday were permitted. The request to alter the residency requirement was requested to allow a resident of the State at the time of application to be considered. The request to prohibit alcoholic beverages from being brought into a place of adult entertainment and establish certain penalties was requested by the Board. An increase in the maximum fines was also requested by the Board.

The Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board asks for your favorable consideration of Senate Bill 0428 and thank you for the support you may give this legislative issue.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Deborah R. Owston in black ink.

Deborah R. Owston
Administrator of the Board of License Commissioners

cc: Delegate James Hinebaugh, Jr.
Senator Mike McKay