

Written Testimony - SB 428 - Garrett County Alcho

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**Finance Committee
Senator Pamela Beidle, Chair**

**Written Testimony – SUPPORT - Senate Bill 428
Garrett County Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2024**

**Mr. Paul Edwards, Chairman
Board of Garrett County Commissioners
February 23, 2024**

The Board County Commissioners for Garrett County supports Senate Bill 428. This legislative request relates to Title 21 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article specific to Garrett County. The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners /Liquor Control Board presented the following legislative requests to the Garrett County Delegation during the Board of County Commissioners Public Meeting on November 21, 2023:

- The legislative request includes housekeeping amendments, establishing new licenses, altering residency requirements, creating penalties and prohibitions at a place of adult entertainment, and increasing the maximum fine.
- Creates a Class B Beer Resort License and Class B Beer & Wine Resort License to allow a qualifying business that has more than one facility on contiguous property to have an additional license that allows just beer or beer and wine sales.
- Creates a Beer, Wine & Liquor Festival License to allow limited distilled spirits tastings at the Deep Creek Lake Art & Wine Festival.
- Update the various sections of Title 21 specific to hours of operation on a Sunday were permitted in Garrett County. The change in hours was authorized last session. HB0905/SB0821 - Garrett County Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2023.
- Change the local residency requirement to allow for a resident of the State at the time of application to qualify.
- Create a prohibition of allowing alcoholic beverages at a place of adult entertainment and establish certain penalties.
- Amend the maximum fine allowed by the Garrett County Board of License Commissioners to be increased to \$5,000.

Garrett County supports Senate Bill 428 and urges the Committee to give a **FAVORABLE** report. Thank you for your time and consideration in this very important matter. Please let me know if you have any questions or need further information.

SB 0428 Garrett County Alcoholic Beverages Act of

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February 16, 2024

The Honorable Pamela Beidle, Chair
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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

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**MARYLAND
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February 22, 2024

Maryland Senate
Senator Pamela Beidle, Chair
Judicial Proceedings Committee
Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: Support of SB 428 - Garrett County Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2024

Chairperson Beidle and Members of the Committee,

My name is Matt Libber, and I am the Legislative Committee Chair for the Maryland Tourism Coalition (MTC). I am writing to you today to express MTC's support for Senate Bill 428. The Maryland Tourism Coalition is a trade organization with members representing all areas of tourism in the State of Maryland. Our mission is to support businesses and organizations that cater to the tourism industry through education, networking, and advocacy. As such, MTC asks the committee to vote in favor of this bill.

This bill will provide an update and modernize the alcohol licenses offered in Garret County to assist the resorts and other businesses located within the county to offer additional amenities and offerings to their patrons. Tourism is a major economic driver for Garrett County and the State of Maryland. This modernization of its alcohol licensing will allow businesses and resorts in the County to be more competitive with those in neighboring states and jurisdictions in maintaining their existing client base as well as attracting new and greater number of visitors each year. The addition of a Festival License option will also allow new events to be created in the County to drive even more visitors to the area in the off season and shoulder seasons.

For these reasons, the Maryland Tourism Coalition asks this committee to vote in favor of this legislation and forward it for a full vote within the Senate of Maryland.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Libber
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Senate Bill 428 – Garrett County Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2024

February 22, 2024

Dear Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Klausmeier, and Members of the Committee,

The purpose of the bill is simple and establishes a Class B-resort beer license, a resort beer and wine license, and a beer, wine, and liquor festival license in Garrett County. This bill will alter the hours of sale for alcoholic beverages on Sundays for certain licenses as well as requiring that at least one applicant be a resident of the State of Maryland. This will also prohibit alcoholic beverages from being brought into places of adult entertainment to be consumed or transferred.

I thank you all for your time and ask for a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike McKay".

Senator Mike McKay, District 1

Representing the Appalachia Region of Maryland

Garrett, Allegany, and Washington Counties