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HARFORD COUNTY DELEGATION

February 21, 2024

The Honorable Pamela Beidle  
Chair  
Finance Committee  
3 East  
Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chair Beidle,

**SB 734 - Harford County-Alcoholic Beverages-Performing Arts Nonprofit Organization License** is sponsored by the Harford County Senators. It is cross-filed with **HB 635** which is a Harford County Delegation bill and is supported unanimously by all members of the Harford County Delegation.

We respectfully ask for a favorable report from the Finance Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Teresa E. Reilly", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Delegate Teresa E. Reilly  
Chair, Harford County Delegation

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## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Wes Moore, Governor · Aruna Miller, Lt. Governor · Laura Herrera Scott, M.D., M.P.H., Secretary

February 23, 2024

The Honorable Pamela Beidle  
Chair, Senate Finance Committee  
3 East Miller, Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

**RE: Senate Bill 734 – Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Performing Arts Nonprofit Organization License – Letter of Information with Amendments**

Dear Chair Beidle and Committee members:

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) respectfully submits this letter of information with amendments for Senate Bill (SB) 734 – Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Performing Arts Nonprofit Organization License. This bill establishes in Harford County a new type of license for nonprofit organizations to sell or serve beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption. The bill stipulates that snacks must be sold or served whenever alcohol is sold.

MDH notes that the term “snacks” is not defined, and license holders may unwittingly serve potentially hazardous foods. Serving meats, cheese trays, and other foods that require temperature control for safety requires a food service facility license under Title 21 of the Health General Article, which ensures a facility takes proper sanitation and safety measures. To ensure that license holders do not endanger their patrons with food-related illnesses, MDH would appreciate the Committee’s consideration of the attached amendments.

If you would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact Sarah Case-Herron, Director of Governmental Affairs at [sarah.case-herron@maryland.gov](mailto:sarah.case-herron@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

Laura Herrera Scott, M.D., M.P.H.  
Secretary

Attachment:  
Amendment to House Bill 734

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 734  
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 3, starting with “SHALL” on line 17 through “SOLD.” on line 18, and substitute:  
**“SHALL, AT ALL TIMES WHEN BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR ARE SOLD, SERVE OR OFFER FOR SALE FOOD THAT IS:**

**(1) PREPACKAGED AND DOES NOT REQUIRE TEMPERATURE CONTROL FOR FOOD SAFETY; OR**

**(2) PREPARED AND SERVED BY A LICENSED FOOD SERVICE FACILITY AS REQUIRED IN §21-305 OF THE HEALTH GENERAL ARTICLE.”**