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House Bill 844 – City of Annapolis – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Club Public Event Permit

Testimony of Delegate Shaneka Henson

February 17, 2020

Members of the Economic Matters Committee:

Thank you Chairman Davis, Vice-Chairman Dumais and Members of the Economic Matters Committee for hearing HB 844.

I am requesting your Favorable vote on House Bill 844 which would create a “Club Public Event Permit” in State Code to be issued to Class C – Club License holders in the City.

Class C – Club License holders in the City are currently eligible to hold four (4) non-member sponsored events per year, after approval by the Board; however, over the past year, we have heard from constituents that this limitation inhibits Class C license holders from garnering potential revenue to support their historic clubs. Additionally, it limits the clubs from being able to serve as much needed gathering and event space for the communities that support and utilize their facilities. In an effort to find a balanced solution, Senator Elfreth, Delegate Cain and I have introduced the aforementioned legislation to create a “Club Public Event Permit.”

This legislation simply enables the Board to approve up to twelve public events per year, rather than the four events currently in City Code. A key component of this bill reads that the Board has the complete discretion to approve the additional permits moving forward. This does not require the Board to approve any additional public events, it simply gives the Board the authority to do so, if you wish. **The City of Annapolis Alcoholic Beverage Control Board and the Anne Arundel County Delegation both voted unanimously to support this legislation.**

For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully ask that the Economic Matters Committee recommend favorably House Bill 844.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shaneka Henson".

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February 7, 2020

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RE: Letter of Support for SB 503 and HB 844

Dear Senator Elfreth and Delegates Henson and Cain:

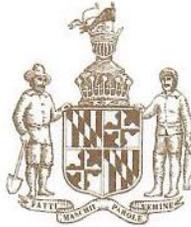
Thank you for your work on the above legislation. On February 5, 2020, the City of Annapolis Alcoholic Beverage Control Board, at its regularly scheduled meeting, met to discuss *inter alia* Senate Bill 503 and corresponding House Bill 844, which would create a "Club Public Event Permit" in the City of Annapolis, authorizing the City of Annapolis Alcohol Beverage Control Board to permit clubs to host an additional number of events during any one year. After due consideration and much discussion, I am pleased to report that the Board voted unanimously to support the subject legislation. Please let me know if there is anything else we can do to assist you.

Sincerely,

Chairman, Alcoholic Beverage Control Board

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CHAIR

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February 21, 2020

Chairman Dereck Davis
Economic Matters Committee
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RE: HB844-City of Annapolis-Alcoholic Beverages Licenses-Club Public Event Permit

Dear Chairman Davis and Members of the Committee,

The Anne Arundel County House Delegation voted on the above bill on Friday February 14 , 2020. The Delegation voted in FAVOR of the bill. The vote tally was 12-0. A copy of the vote tally is attached. The Delegation voted to amend the bill to make it a Delegation bill. A copy of the amendment is attached. We respectfully request that the committee grant a favorable report on this bill.

Thank you for your consideration of this bill.

Sincerely,

Ned Carey

Chairman

Anne Arundel County House Delegation