

HB 1046

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The Honorable Dereck E. Davis, Chairman
Economic Matters Committee
House Office Building, Room 231
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HOUSE BILL 1046 — ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
CLASS MD LICENSE

Dear Chairman Davis:

The Garrett County Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board asks you to oppose the recent legislative request that creates a Class MD License specifically for Garrett County in the Alcoholic Beverages Article § 21-906.

This Board does not support the license nor the intentions of the Class MD License for Garrett County. It seems the legislative bill may have been drafted in haste without serious consideration of the individual jurisdictions. While the intention of the proposed legislation may have been good, it clearly was not thought out on how each jurisdiction issues a license, what restrictions are in place for on-site establishments, how fees are set and whether a comparable license is already in place and available for issuance.

In addition, it would be very beneficial in the future when a statewide bill is being drafted that all jurisdictions be involved so that we can all provide insight to the potential impact it may have.

The Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board asks for your consideration to oppose of House Bill 1046 as written and thanks you for the attention you may give this legislative issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deborah R. Owston".

Deborah R. Owston
Administrator of the Board of License Commissioners

cc: Delegate Wendell Beitzel
Senator George Edwards