



LIQUOR CONTROL BOARD FOR HARFORD COUNTY, MARYLAND

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ECONOMIC MATTERS COMMITTEE

HB1272 – Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Resort Complex License

Scott Baker – Harford County Liquor Control Board

SUPPORT with AMENDMENTS

Chair Davis and Members of the Economic Matters Committee:

HB1272 would establish a Resort Complex License to sell beer, wine, and liquor from multiple outlets including a marina, hotel, restaurant, and bars or other outlets throughout the facility. It would also allow for sales for off premise consumption.

The Harford County Liquor Control Board (HCLCB) would fully support HB1272 if there were two amendments. First, HCLCB would like a provision in the bill that states the HCLCB will determine the number of alcohol awareness trained employees required at each location on the resort where alcohol is sold.

The second amendment proposed by the HCLCB is the license fee should be increased. The license fee in HB1272 is slightly above the license fee for some restaurants in Harford County. HB1272 provides a number of outlets and facilities from which alcohol may be sold. The license fee should reflect those additional outlets. HCLCB recommends the fee start at \$3,500 and increase to \$6,000 at renewal and remain at \$6,000.