

# **HB 1059**

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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 1059 – ALLEGANY & GARRETT COUNTIES  
ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES – GIFT BASKET PERMITS

Dear Chairman Davis:

The Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board approve Senator George Edwards and Delegate Jason Buckle's introduction of House Bill 1059 – Allegany and Garrett Counties Gift Basket Permit.

The Gift Basket Permit would be limited to a business whose primary purpose is the sale and delivery of flowers or gift baskets of flowers, food, or other items and is not a chain store, supermarket, or discount house. The bill restricts the applicant from holding another permit or license issued under the Alcoholic Beverages Article. In addition, the bill states the annual sales from alcoholic beverages may not exceed 10% of the license holder's annual gross sales. These requirements and limitations are in harmony with Gift Basket Permits in other jurisdictions.

The Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board ask for your favorable consideration of House Bill 1059 and thank you for the support you may give this legislative issue.

Sincerely,

*Deborah R. Owston*

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Administrator of the Board of License Commissioners

cc: Senator George Edwards  
Delegate Jason Buckle