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March 5, 2021

The Honorable Paul G. Pinsky
Chair, Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee
2 West, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: SB 763 – Alcoholic Beverages – Class A Licenses – Retail Grocery Establishments (Healthy Food Accountability Act of 2021) – Letter of Information with Amendment

Dear Chair Pinsky and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Health (MDH) is submitting this letter of information with amendment for Senate Bill 763 (SB 763) – Alcoholic Beverages – Class A Licenses – Retail Grocery Establishments (Healthy Food Accountability Act of 2021).

SB 763 creates a Class A beer or beer and wine license for retail establishments that offer for sale food products. MDH offers the attached amendment to clarify that while the sale of food products is a prerequisite for obtaining a Class A beer or beer and wine license under the proposed legislation, the sale of the food products is not covered under the Class A license and the establishment would still be subject to all applicable licensing requirements for the sale of food products under Article Health-General Title 21.

I hope this information is useful. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact me at (410) 260-3190 or webster.ye@maryland.gov or Heather Shek, Director of Governmental Affairs at heather.shek@maryland.gov or the same phone number.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Webster Ye".

Webster Ye
Assistant Secretary, Health Policy

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 763
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 5, after line 12, insert:

“(8) AN ESTABLISHMENT WHICH OFFERS FOR SALE FOOD PRODUCTS IS ALSO SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE FOOD LICENSING PROVISIONS.”