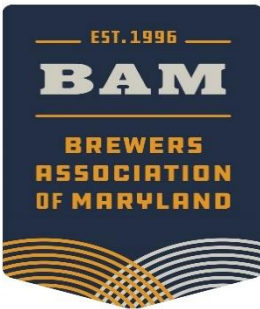




Maryland State Licensed
Beverage Association



LICENSED BEVERAGE DISTRIBUTORS OF MARYLAND



DATE: March 5, 2021
TO: Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee
FROM: Above Organizations
RE: SUPPORT – Senate Bill 285 – Minority Participation in the Alcoholic Beverage Industry - Study

The organizations listed above, comprising Maryland-based manufacturers, Maryland-based wholesalers, and Maryland retailers, support Senate Bill 285.

Senate Bill 285 calls for a study of minority participation levels in the alcoholic beverage industry. Collectively, the industry believes that a study of this nature is important and may help identify ways that minority businesses can develop a larger presence in the industry. Our organizations look forward to participating in this effort.

For the reasons set forth above, we support Senate Bill 285 and ask that this Committee give the legislation a favorable report.