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Testimony in support of:

SB424: A bill with the purpose of repealing a prohibition on the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County from issuing a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license for use by a drugstore in Baltimore County

Submitted by: George Fotis
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My name is George Fotis, I own both Drug City Pharmacy and The Fountain which operate under the same roof. And I'd like to voice my full support for SB424 a Bill repealing the prohibition against a drugstore owning a D license in order to make running both of these businesses more efficient.

Oddly, this prohibition is specific only to a D license only. You can have a liquor store or a restaurant owned by a drugstore just not a Class D license. We believe it's a remnant from a previous law that was never properly removed. I should state that no other type of business has this prohibition. You could be a pet store, florist or a dentist office and not be prohibited from obtaining a D License. In these cases the Baltimore County Liquor board would determine the appropriateness of granting a license. Let me also mention that this change in no way would allow chain or corporate stores to open up since this working only refers to independently owned stores.

My current arrangement has resulted in much duplication. From 2 tax returns and payrolls to 2 insurance policies. I'm hopeful we can remove this prohibition to allow me to run the business more efficiently and streamlined. Again, I do believe that at this point there is no known rationale for this drugstore prohibition today and hope you all consider its removal.

I should also mention that this Bill has the full support of the Baltimore County Liquor and Beverage Association, we have the full support of our community and to my knowledge there are no businesses or constituents that have voiced opposition to this change. I urge you all to support SB424

Thank you and I appreciate your time



George Fotis
3/3/2021

HB555-Baltimore County-Alcoholic Beverages – Class

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February 17, 2021

The Honorable Dereck Davis
House Economic Matters Committee
6 Bladen Street, Room 231
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE-HB555-Baltimore County-Alcoholic Beverages – Class D Beer, Wine, and Liquor
Licenses-Delegate Long**

Dear Chairman Davis,

This is to inform you that House Bill 555-Baltimore County-Alcoholic Beverages-Class D Beer, Wine, and Liquor Licenses has received a **FAVORABLE w/amendments** vote from the Baltimore County Delegation.

I respectfully request that you consider the recommendation of the Baltimore County Delegation when voting on this bill. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pat Young".

Pat Young
Chairman
Baltimore County Delegation

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February 19, 2021

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

Dear Chairman Pinsky,

Please be advised that the Baltimore County Senate Delegation has given a Favorable Recommendation to **SB 424 -Baltimore County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class D Beer, Wine, and Liquor License .**

If you need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kathy Klausmeier".

Kathy Klausmeier
Chair, Baltimore County Senate Delegation

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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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March 3, 2020

Education, Health & Environment Committee

Re: SB424
Position: Favorable

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Committee Members:

I write to ask for your support for SB424 which would repeal a prohibition on a pharmacy being able to be issued a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license. This bill would enable our private drugstores to also be allowed to operate under a class D license without having to have the administrative hurdle of running two companies. This would allow greater flexibility for our small businesses to serve a larger population of our community. I respectfully ask for a favorable report.

Thank you,
Senator Johnny Ray Salling