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February 15, 2022

Economic Matters Committee
Attn.: Delegate C.T. Wilson, Chair
Room 231
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Delegate Wilson and Committee Members:

This letter is in support of House Bill 1181, as amended by the Wicomico County Board of License Commissioners, authorizing a Class B-BF (banquet facility) beer, wine, and liquor license in Wicomico County. This license authorizes the sale of beer, wine, and liquor to be sold at banquets, parties, meetings, weddings, and similar functions, provided the facility has a dining room for serving full-course meals for at least 100 individuals, who are inside the facility or outside on the premises, at one seating.

This legislation is part of an economic initiative to promote business and create jobs in Wicomico County.

We thank you for your time and consideration of this letter of support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Council Office at 410-548-4696.

Sincerely,

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND



John D. Psota, Acting County Executive



John T. Cannon, Council President

cc: Wicomico County Council
Wicomico County State Delegation

Wicomico County Board of License Commissioners

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February 17, 2022

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Re: Senate Bills 645 and 646 and House Bills 1180 and 1181 – Banquet and Dinner Theater License – Wicomico County

Folks,

The Wicomico County Board of License Commissioners, at a public hearing held February 15, 2022, voted unanimously to recommend to the Wicomico County Council and County Executive certain amendments to the Senate and cross filed House bills as shown on the attached mark-up to the bills introduced in the Senate.

/S/ Richard M. Duvall

Richard M. Duvall

Board Attorney

cc: Delegate C.T. Wilson, Chair – House Economic Matters Committee
 Via Email: ct.wilson@house.state.md.us

SENATE BILL 646

A2

2lr2789
CF 2lr2225

By: Senators Carozza and Eckardt

Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2022

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Wicomico County - Alcoholic Beverages - Class B-BF (Banquet Facility) License**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Class B-BF (banquet facility) beer, wine, and liquor
4 license in Wicomico County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for
5 Wicomico County to issue the license for use by certain banquet facilities; and
6 generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Wicomico County.

7 BY renumbering

8 Article - Alcoholic Beverages

9 Section 32-1001.1

10 to be Section 32-1001.2

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

14 Article -Alcoholic Beverages

15 Section 32-102

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

18 BY adding to

19 Article -Alcoholic Beverages

20 Section 32-1001.1

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
24 That Section(s) 32-1001.1 of Article - Alcoholic Beverages of the Annotated Code of
25 Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 32-1001.2.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
2 as follows:

3 Article - Alcoholic Beverages

4 32-102.

5 This title applies only in Wicomico County.

6 32--1001.1.

7 (A) THERE IS A CLASS B-BF (BANQUET FACILITY) BEER, WINE, AND
8 LIQUOR LICENSE.

9 (B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE FOR USE BY A BANQUET FACILITY
10 THAT:

11 (1) ACCOMMODATES THE PUBLIC FOR BANQUETS, PARTIES,
12 MEETINGS, AND SIMILAR FUNCTIONS;

13 (2) CONTAINS A DINING ROOM WITH ADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR
14 ~~PREPARING AND SERVING FULL--COURSE MEALS FOR AT LEAST 100 INDIVIDUALS~~
15 WHO ARE INSIDE THE FACILITY OR OUTSIDE ON THE PREMISES AT ONE SEATING;
16 AND

17 (3) HAS ADEQUATE PUBLIC BATHROOM FACILITIES.

18 (C) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL AT RETAIL
19 BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION IF:

20 (1) THE BEER AND WINE ARE SOLD BY THE DRINK OR BY THE BOTTLE;

21 (2) THE LIQUOR IS SOLD ONLY BY THE DRINK;

22 (3) THE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR ARE SOLD ONLY DURING THE
23 FUNCTION;

24 (4) THE LICENSE HOLDER DOES NOT SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR
25 FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION;

26 (5) THE LICENSE HOLDER DOES NOT ALLOW BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR
27 TO BE CARRIED OFF THE PREMISES; AND

1 (6) FOOD IS PROVIDED AT THE FUNCTION WHERE THE BEER, WINE,
2 AND LIQUOR ARE PROVIDED.

3 (D) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR DURING THE
4 HOURS AND DAYS AS SET OUT FOR A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE
5 UNDER § 32-2004 OF THIS TITLE.

6 (E) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$1,500.

7 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
8 1, 2022.