

# **SB 645 Sen Carozza Testimony+Local Support+Del. Le**

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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
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March 4, 2022

**The Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee**  
**SB 645 Wicomico County - Alcoholic Beverages - Dinner Theater License**  
**Statement of Support by Bill Sponsor Senator Mary Beth Carozza**

Thank you Chair Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan, and members of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee for the opportunity to respectfully ask for your support of **Senate Bill 645 Wicomico County - Alcoholic Beverages - Dinner Theater License**. This legislation, also sponsored by Senator Eckardt, is supported by the Wicomico County Council and Board of License Commissioners.

The bill would establish a Class B-DT (dinner theater) beer, wine, and liquor license in Wicomico County and authorize the Board of License Commissioners for Wicomico County to issue the license, and set the annual license fee to \$1,500.

This legislation will result in new opportunities for businesses for on-premises consumption, the sale of beer, wine, and liquor at dinner theaters that provide live music and entertainment, such as Broadway-style musicals, comedy, dance or drama provided that the facility contains a dining room for at least 80 individuals at one seating.

I believe we should do everything we can to support our small businesses and assist with providing additional opportunities. For these reasons, I respectfully ask for a favorable report of SB 645. Thank you for your kind consideration.



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February 15, 2022

Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
Attn.: Senator Paul G. Pinsky, Chair  
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Dear Senator Pinsky and Committee Members:

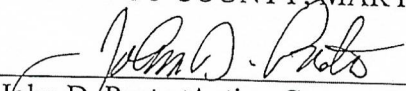
This letter is in support of Senate Bill 645, as amended by the Wicomico County Board of License Commissioners, authorizing a Class B-DT (dinner theater) beer, wine, and liquor license in Wicomico County. This license authorizes, for on-premises consumption, the sale of beer, wine, and liquor at dinner theaters that provide live music and entertainment, such as Broadway-style musicals, comedy, dance or drama, provided the facility contains a dining room for serving food for at least 80 individuals at one seating.

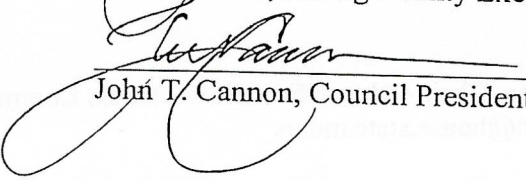
This legislation is part of an economic initiative to promote business and create jobs in Wicomico County.

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

  
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John D. Psota, Acting County Executive

  
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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](mailto:ct.wilson@house.state.md.us)



THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

March 4, 2022

**The Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee  
SB 645 Wicomico County - Alcoholic Beverages - Dinner Theater License  
Statement of Support by the Wicomico County Delegation**

Thank you Chair Pinsky, Vice Chair Kagan, and members of the Senate Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs Committee for the opportunity to respectfully ask for your support of **Senate Bill 645 Wicomico County - Alcoholic Beverages - Dinner Theater License**.

This legislation is supported by the Wicomico County Council and Board of License Commissioners. The Wicomico County Delegation supports this legislation and respectfully asks for a favorable report of SB 645.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Addie Eckardt".

Senator Addie Eckardt, Chair, Wicomico County Delegation  
District 37

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Mary Beth Carozza".

Senator Mary Beth Carozza  
District 38

To whom it may concern,

Hello, my name is Fred Munzert, and I am a local small business owner in Wicomico County. I am writing in support of the proposed Wicomico County Alcohol Beverages Dinner/Theater License. My new performance venue, revival Productions located on West Main St in downtown Salisbury, would directly benefit from this new classification of liquor license whereby our patrons after purchasing a ticket in advance would be served alcoholic beverages and full-course meals during the performance.

Currently, our business is classified as a restaurant under our liquor license, which requires a high percentage of our sales to be food items. This places undue stress on our employees to sell more food items each night whereas our business model places the show as the most important part of the experience and food or beverages secondary.

Salisbury would benefit greatly from multiple quality entertainment venues. Our small venue has been providing entertainment since August 2021. With the addition of this proposed Dinner/Theater license, other venues will be more likely to find a home in Wicomico County and help fill the need for entertainment in our communities.

Thank you for your consideration for helping small businesses and supporting arts and entertainment in Wicomico County.

Sincerely,



Fred Munzert