



Comments: SB 263 Fav/w amendment

Maryland's local beverage companies recognize that parents are more than capable of making the food and beverage choices that are best for their families. When it comes to their youngest children, we have repeatedly heard from parents that they believe that water, milk or juice are the best options. However, they also want to be able to select another beverage available on the menu, such as a soft drink, if they choose.

The language in the legislation around default drinks should be amended to allow for sparkling water; 8oz servings of juice; and a combination of water, fruit and vegetable juice.

Specifically:

Amendment One

Page 2, line 7 after "**WATER**" strike in entirety through line 8; insert "**, SPARKLING WATER OR FLAVORED WATER WITH NO NATURAL OR ARTIFICIAL SWEETNERS;**"

Page 2, line 13 strike "**6**" substitute "**8**"; line 15 after strike "**AND**" insert "**, WATER OR SPARKLING WATER WITH NO NATURAL OR ARTIFICIAL SWEETNERS, OR**"

Thank you.

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