

(Opening)

Good Afternoon Chairman Wilson, Vice Chairman Crosby, and members of the Economic Matters committee.

I am Senator Arthur Ellis representing the 28th Legislative District of Maryland, Charles County.

I am here today to present **Senate Bill 519 – Charles County - Alcoholic Beverages - Unlicensed Establishments.**

The purpose of this bill is to repeal the requirement that live entertainment be offered or provided by an unlicensed establishment for certain prohibitions relating to alcoholic beverages in Charles County to apply; and altering the conditions under which certain exemptions apply.

Senate bill 519 specifies that an unlicensed establishment in charles county, regardless of whether or not it offers or provides live entertainment, is generally prohibited from selling, serving, keeping, or allowing to be consumed alcoholic beverages, setups, or other component parts of mixed alcoholic drinks. There are existing exceptions which are modified because of the preceding change.

(Closing)

Thank you to Chairman Wilson and Vice Chairman Crosby for the opportunity to present **Senate Bill 519 – Charles County - Alcoholic**

Beverages - Unlicensed Establishments and I ask for your favorable report.