

Liquor Control Board for Harford County, Maryland

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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL ONLY

The Honorable C.T. Wilson Chair, Economic Matters Committee House Office Building, Room 231 Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB 1062 - Harford County - Alcoholic Beverages - Alteration of License Quota - SUPPORT

To the Honorable C.T. Wilson, Chair, and the members of the Economic Matters Committee:

This proposed legislation's intent is to reduce the number of Class "A," "A-1", and "A-2" licenses available in Harford County.

On behalf of the Commissioners of the Harford County (MD) Liquor Control Board (HCLCB), I wish to convey to the Members of the Harford County Delegation that the HCLCB supports HB 1062 which contains the recommended changes submitted in the final draft.

The HCLCB supports the "quota" change from 3000 to 4000, which will reduce the total number of available Class "A" licenses to 12, based on the most recent Harford County population figures.

The HCLCB also supports the language change located on page 2, line 8, at the end of the sentence which removes the word "and" and replaces it with the word "or." This change clarifies the total number of all Class "A" licenses available, rather than inferring the total number of licenses could be independently applied to the Class A-1, AND A-2 license categories.

If the Commissioners of the HCLCB may be of any further assistance to the Committee, please feel free to contact us.

Sincerely,

W. Michael Crabbs General Manager