

LICENSED BEVERAGE DISTRIBUTORS OF MARYLAND, INC.

Leadership in Industry Cooperation
446 Park Creek Road
Pasadena, Maryland 21122

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Members

HB1165 - Favorable

**BREAKTHRU BEVERAGE DISTRIBUTORS
REPUBLIC NATIONAL DISTRIBUTING
COMPANY, LLC**

House Economic Matters Committee
Mr. Chairman, Vice Chair and Members,

The Licensed Beverage Distributors of Maryland support HB1165 because it cleans up the technical changes required to shift regulation of alcoholic beverages to the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission (ATC). The shift to the ATC has been helpful to Marylanders and the alcoholic beverage industry. The independent ATC has more flexibility and is more responsive to industry changes. Its political independence has provided the advantages experienced by law enforcement agencies. Such independence is important because much of the field work involves law enforcement.

We ask for a favorable report from the Economic Matters Committee for HB1165.

Very truly yours,

Joel Polichene, Republic National Distributing Company
Jeff Scarry, Breakthru Beverage Distributors (formerly Reliable Churchill LLP)