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RE: **SUPPORT** – House Bill 1165 – *Alcohol and Tobacco Commission – Technical Corrections and Clarifications*

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The Maryland State Licensed Beverage Association (MSLBA), which consists of approximately 800 Maryland businesses holding alcoholic beverage licenses (restaurants, bars, taverns, and package stores), **supports** House Bill 1165.

House Bill 1165 makes clarifications to various statutes, all necessary as a result of the creation of the Alcohol and Tobacco Commission several years ago. Current law makes reference to the Office of the Comptroller, which is no longer correct, with the authority over alcoholic beverage regulation having been transferred to the Commission several years ago. This bill simply substitutes the Commission or its Executive Director where appropriate, so that the statute reflects this change. For the regulated community, the bill helps preclude any confusion about what Office holds the relevant authority.

For these reasons, MSLBA supports House Bill 1165.