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Testimony in Support of H.B. 1062
Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Alternation of License Quota

Dear Members of the Committee:

I'm requesting a favorable report on H.B. 1062, the Harford County Delegation bill *Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Alternation of License Quota*.

H.B. 1062 increases, from 3,000 to 4,000 individuals, the quota utilized by the Harford County Board of License Commissioners (the board) when issuing a Class A license.

Currently, for every 3,000 individuals in Harford County, the board cannot issue more than one Class A off-sale license, one Class A-1 off-sale license, and one Class A-2 off-sale license. H.B. 1062 simply shifts the quota from 3,000 to 4,000.

This shift will bring the total of Class A licenses unused in Harford County to 12. Furthermore, it is important to note this does not affect the current license holders nor renewals going forward.

Originally, H.B. 1062 set the quota change to 4,500 but to provide for a consistent application of practice across counties, the bill was amended to the 4,000 level.

H.B. 1062 has the full support of the Harford County Delegation and the Harford County Liquor Control Board.

I respectfully request a favorable report for H.B. 1062.

Thank you.

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Delegate Mike Griffith
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**HB 1062-Harford County-Alcoholic Beverages-Alteration of License Quota
March 28, 2023**

Chair Griffith, Vice Chair Klausmeier and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

This bill would establish a quota to determine the maximum number of alcoholic beverages licenses the Harford County Board of License Commissioners may issue in Harford County, Maryland.

For every 4000 people in Harford County, the Board could not issue more than 1 Class A (off sale) license, 1 Class -1 (off sale) license, or 1 Class A-2 (off sale) license.

If the number of issued licenses should exceed the specified quota in any of the above classes of licenses, the Board may not issue a new license in a class unless the number of licenses in that class has been reduced and a vacancy has been created.

Alcohol Awareness Training is required by statutes already in place in the County and the State.

The Harford County Delegation supports this bill and has made it a Harford County Delegation Bill which is reflected in the documents in your bill folder.

The Delegation respectfully asks for a FAVORABLE report from the committee.

Delegate Teresa E. Reilly
Chair
Harford County Delegation