

LICENSED BEVERAGE DISTRIBUTORS OF MARYLAND, INC.

Leadership in Industry Cooperation

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SB0431 –
FAVORABLE WITH
AMENDMENTS

Members

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

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Senate Finance Committee
Madam Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members,

The Licensed Beverage Distributors of Maryland ask for a favorable report on an amended SB 0431 because it permits self-delivery by a Class 9 Distiller within the regulatory scheme of the Maryland alcoholic beverage law. With Maryland's 3-tier regulatory system, Maryland has protected consumers from unfair pricing, contaminated beverages and discrimination for nearly 90 years by separating the manufacturing, wholesale distribution and consumer sales operations to create a successful check and balance system. This amended bill recognizes the effectiveness of the current regulatory system.

Very truly yours,

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