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SB 304 – Carroll County – Alcoholic Beverages – Modification of Seating Requirements

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Chair Griffith, Vice-Chair Klausmeier and members of the Finance Committee:

Senate Bill 393 is legislation requested by the Carroll County Board of Licensed Commissioners. This bill modifies the seating requirements for Class B, Class BR, and Class C beer, wine, and liquor licenses in Carroll County. Currently, these licenses require the holder to have regular seating not including seats at bars or counters for at least 50 individuals. This bill changes the requirement to allow that up to 15 seats at bars and counters may be included in the calculation for the seating requirement.

The Carroll Senate and House Delegation voted unanimously in favor of SB 304, a letter of support and voting sheet are also included.

I respectfully request a **favorable** vote on Senate Bill 304.