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House Bill 651
St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting Permit

SUPPORT

January 30, 2024


Delegate C. T. Wilson, Chairman
Economic Matters Committee
Room 231, House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairman Wilson:

The Commissioners of St. Mary's County **SUPPORT HB 651 - St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages - Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting Permit** which is being heard in the Economic Matters Committee.

We support HB 651 and request a favorable report. We appreciate the introduction of this legislation and believe it will benefit the citizens of St. Mary's County. We look forward to working with you on this and other initiatives throughout the session.

Sincerely,
COMMISSIONERS OF ST. MARY'S COUNTY


James Randy Guy, President

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Cc: Senator Jack Bailey
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Delegate Matthew Morgan
Delegate Brian Crosby
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Commissioner Eric Colvin
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THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401
ST. MARY'S COUNTY DELEGATION

February 14, 2024

The Honorable C.T. Wilson
Chair, House Economic Matters Committee
Room 231, House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

HB651 – St. Mary's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting Permits

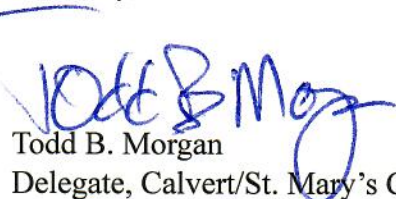
Chair Wilson, Vice-Chair Crosby and Esteemed Members of the Committee:

The purpose of this bill is to establish a new alcohol tasting permit in St. Mary's County. Currently, St. Mary's County has a Beer and Wine Tasting Permit for Class A licenses. This bill creates a new permit which allows retailers to offer samples of liquor products in addition to beer and wine, limited to the equivalent of one standard drink per customer.

Establishing the new license will benefit both retailers and consumers in St. Mary's County. Retailers will be better able market new and existing liquor products, especially ones produced by local distillers, and hopeful increase customer sales. Consumers will be able to explore a wider variety of products without the obligation to purchase and may find a new local favorite.

In closing, the creation of this new permit in St. Mary's County will benefit consumers, retailers, and Maryland distillers Thank you for your consideration. I respectfully request a favorable report.

Sincerely,



Todd B. Morgan
Delegate, Calvert/St. Mary's Counties (29C)

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TODD B. MORGAN
CHAIR

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ST. MARY'S COUNTY DELEGATION

January 25, 2024

The Honorable C.T. Wilson, Chair
House Economic Matters Committee
Room 231, House Office Building
6 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: HB651 St. Mary's County - Alcoholic Beverages – Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting Permits

Dear Chair Wilson:

The St. Mary's County Delegation unanimously supports HB651 St. Mary's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting Permits.

The purpose of the bill is to establish a beer, wine, and liquor tasting permit in St. Mary's County which allows a limited sampling of liquor by consumers for the purpose of learning about new tastes and products. The samplings will inspire people to try local industry and expensive liquor products which in turn will benefit the local economy and businesses when purchases are made of these products.

We ask for the committee's consideration of this bill and a FAVORABLE report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Todd B. Morgan".

Todd B. Morgan
Chair, St. Mary's County Delegation