



THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES
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ST. MARY'S COUNTY DELEGATION

March 20, 2024

The Honorable Pam Beidle, Chair
Senate Finance Committee
3 East, Miller Senate Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

HB654 – St. Mary's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Nonprofit Performing Arts Theater License

Chair Beidle, Vice-Chair Klausmeier, and Esteemed Members of the Committee:

The purpose of this bill is to establish a new liquor sale license for Nonprofit theaters in St. Mary's County. Currently, nonprofit theaters are required to purchase individual licenses for each performance which they want to make alcohol available to patrons. The reoccurring license fees result in an annual cost approximately to that of a standard license, even though the alcohol is only sold on select performance dates.

The bill creates a new license for nonprofit theaters allowing the theater to save some money on the licenses and reducing the St. Mary's Licensing Board's administrative load by halting the repetitively issuance of licenses to the theater.

Thank you for your consideration. I respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 654.

Sincerely,

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

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