

# **SB 531 Caroline County -Alcoholic Beverages-Barber**

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**Senate Bill 531**

*Caroline County—Alcoholic Beverages—Barbershop and Beauty Salon License*

Position: **FAV**

Date: **February 22, 2024**

To: **Finance**

The Caroline County Commissioners **SUPPORT** SB 531. This bill seeks to establish a barbershop and beauty salon beer and wine license in Caroline County. This legislation represents a significant opportunity to enhance the customer experience in our local barbershops and beauty salons while promoting economic growth and innovation in our community.

The proposed license would enable the Board of License Commissioners for Caroline County to issue licenses to holders of barbershop or beauty salon permits. This licensing option would allow these establishments to provide limited quantities of beer and wine for on-premises consumption by customers. Establishments granted this license would also require compliance and alcohol awareness training enforced by the Caroline County Liquor Board.

Offering these additional services while visiting local establishments can create a more enjoyable and relaxing atmosphere for patrons while supporting local businesses and stimulating economic activity.

This innovative approach to licensing aligns with the evolving preferences and expectations of consumers, who increasingly seek unique and personalized experiences in their service interactions. For these reasons, the Commissioners urge a favorable report on SB 531.

Sincerely,

J. Travis Breeding, President

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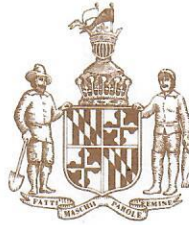
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**THE SENATE OF MARYLAND**  
**ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401**

January 30, 2024

The Honorable Pamela Beidle  
3 East  
Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairwoman Beidle,

The Caroline County Senate Delegation supports Senate Bill 531 Caroline County – Alcoholic Beverages – Barbershops and Beauty Salon License. I thank you for your committee's consideration of this bill and request a favorable report.

Sincerely,

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Senator Stephen S. Hershey, Jr.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Johnny Mautz', written over a horizontal line.

Senator Johnny Mautz

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**THE SENATE OF MARYLAND**  
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February 20, 2024

The Honorable Pamela Beidle  
3 East  
Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Dear Chairwoman and Members of the Committee,

Senate Bill 531 is a local bill that establishes a barbershop and beauty salon beer and wine alcoholic beverages license in Caroline County. This bill authorizes the Caroline County Board of License Commissioners to issue the license to holders of specified barbershop and beauty salon permits.

Under this bill, a license holder may provide up to 12 ounces of beer or 5 oz of wine by the glass for on-premises consumption only while performing activities related to barber shops and beauty salons. A license holder may provide beer and wine during normal business hours, and they are prohibited from transferring the license to another location.

The licensed establishment will be subject to alcohol awareness, as specified under current law and the annual license fee is \$100.

I ask for your favorable consideration of Senate Bill 531.

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*MDDCSAM is the Maryland state chapter of the American Society of Addiction Medicine whose members are physicians and other health providers who treat people with substance use disorders.*

## **SB 531 Caroline County - Alcoholic Beverages - Barbershop and Beauty Salon License**

**UNFAVORABLE**                      Senate Finance Committee      February 23, 2024

Greetings and thank you Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Klausmeier, and members of the committee.

Under HB 633 the Board of license commissioners may issue a beer and wine license to a barbershop or beauty salon in the county (unless it is a mobile entity or a school) to provide up to two servings of beer or wine at no cost to their clients.

Although most people who consume alcohol do not have identifiable associated harms, exposure to alcohol products among those simply seeking a haircut or beauty services is likely to trigger increased alcohol use among those trying to control their consumption and those with a history of heavy or harmful use. **This is potentially large number of people.**

**Heavy drinking (consumption greater than the amount recommended in guidelines) occurs in over 5% of adults** and is associated with adverse outcomes. (CDC 2018)

Problems associated with alcohol use include high blood pressure, heart disease, stroke, liver disease, digestive problems, cancer (of the breast, mouth, throat, esophagus, voice box, liver, colon, and rectum), dementia, poor school performance, depression, anxiety, social and family problems, unemployment, impaired immune function, and alcohol use disorder. (CDC 2022)

The density of alcohol establishments is associated with predictors of health disparities and has been considered a community risk factor that may influence behavior. (Berke).

Alcohol use is the fifth leading cause of preventable death in the U.S. (NIAAA) About 1 in 10 children live in households with a parent who has had alcohol use disorder within the past year. (SAMHSA) There is no threshold of alcohol consumption below which cancer risk does not increase." (WCRF)

We respectfully urge an unfavorable report.

Joseph A. Adams, MD, FASAM, Board certified in internal medicine and addiction medicine

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