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

RE: HB 0685 – Garrett County Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2025

Dear Chair Wilson:

The Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board (Board) requested the Garrett County Delegation to introduce House Bill 0685 known as the Garrett County Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2025. The legislative request relates to Title 21 of the Alcoholic Beverages Article specific to Garrett County. The request includes a few housekeeping amendments and establishing a new class for restaurant licenses.

The request to create the new classification of Class "BC" Resort Complex restaurant licenses was made by license holders who own and operate more than one facility that has more than one serving area or restaurant on their property. These properties are of mixed use and not only include more than one restaurant, but there are also hotel style vacation rentals on-site and some residential properties in proximity. The proposed housekeeping changes to the application and advertisement requirements to the various festival and per diem licenses are requested for consistency in the application and hearing process.

The Board of License Commissioners / Liquor Control Board asks for your favorable consideration of House Bill 0685 and that it be cross filed with amendments to match the language in Senate Bill 0826 – Garrett County Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2025.

The Board thanks you for the support you may give this legislative request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah R. Owston".

Deborah R. Owston
Administrator to the Board of License Commissioners