

# The Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County

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HB574 St. Mary's County - Alcoholic  
Beverages Licenses - Multiple Licensing  
Plans

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

RE: The Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County Support of Pending Legislation

Dear Chairman Wilson:

The purpose of this letter is to memorialize the findings of The Alcohol Beverage Board of St. Mary's County and provide information to our lawmakers in Annapolis on the request for support of pending legislation for changes to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, affecting St. Mary's County.

The St. Mary's County Alcohol Beverage Board met on November 14, 2024, and addressed the request of the St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development to provide support of pending draft legislation pertaining to the Annotated Code of Maryland, Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, allowing a person to hold a maximum of three Class B restaurant licenses. Currently St. Mary's County only allows a person to hold one Class B restaurant license.

Mr. John Houser, St. Mary's County Deputy Attorney and Ms. Kellie Hinkle, Deputy Director for St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development, presented the request. The Board stated that they preferred any additional licenses issued be restricted to on sale only. Both Mr. Houser and Ms. Hinkle were agreeable. Therefore, I am pleased to inform you that the Board voted in favor of support for this request by the St. Mary's County Department of Economic Development.

Please contact me via the Board Administrator, Mrs. Tamara E. Hildebrand, at (301) 475-4200, ext. 1600, or at [tamara.hildebrand@stmaryscountymd.gov](mailto:tamara.hildebrand@stmaryscountymd.gov) for any additional information you may require.

Sincerely,



David Willenborg  
Chair  
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Kellie Hinkle, Deputy Director, St. Mary's County Dept. of Economic  
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