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TO: The Honorable Members of the Economic Matters Alcoholic Beverages Subcommittee

FROM: Michelle Wirzberger, Esq., Deputy Executive Secretary

RE: House Bill 1172 Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Authorizations and Revisions

DATE: February 17, 2025

POSITION: FAVORABLE

Chair Valderrama and members of the Economic Matters Alcoholic Beverages Subcommittee, please be advised that the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City Supports House Bill 1172.

House Bill 1172 provides for the creation of a Class “C” license in the 2500 block of West North Avenue if the applicant abides by certain provisions such as the establishment of an MOU with the Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council; the creation of a Class “B” license on in the unit block of south Carrollton Avenue if the applicant executes an MOU with the Hollins Roundhouse Association and the Board of Liquor License Commissioners waives the minimum seating requirement.

In addition, House Bill 1172 authorizes the Board of Liquor License Commissioners (the Board) to adopt regulations articulating the process an entity must follow in order to apply for a Class “C” per diem license. It also establishes a fee of \$250 that must be paid if a per diem application is submitted less than two (2) weeks before the scheduled event requiring the per diem license.

This bill will allow the Board to develop much needed standards to ensure that per diem licenses are being utilized in a responsible manner. Therefore, the Board of Liquor License Commissioners for Baltimore City respectfully requests a favorable report on House Bill 1172.