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**HB569 Dorchester County - Alcoholic Beverages- Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting License**

**Economic Matters Committee**

**Monday, February 17, 2025**

**What This Bill Does**

**HB569** amends the Annotated Code of Maryland Alcoholic Beverages & Cannabis Article §19-1306 to permit certain Class A license holders in Dorchester County to conduct liquor tastings alongside beer and wine.

**Why We Need This Bill**

Previously, the law only allowed Class A license holders in Dorchester County to conduct beer and wine tastings. This bill expands the existing Beer and Wine Tasting (BWT) license to include liquor, creating a Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting (BWL) license. This bill is necessary to help businesses in Dorchester County stay competitive by allowing them to offer liquor tastings, similar to other jurisdictions.

**We respectfully ask the Committee for a favorable vote on HB569**