

Concerning SBO824

Before we moved to Maryland from Colorado when we visited our daughter we found it more cost effective to buy wine online and ship it to her residence. Now that we live in Maryland we find it more cost effective to buy wine at Costco in DC or Virginia again with taxes begin paid out of state, an opportunity for funding government missed. I suspect that Costco as the second largest wine retailer gets a lot of out of state business. Also perhaps that would encourage the largest wine retailer Total Wine to have stores in Montgomery County. Seems odd they are headquartered in the county without any retail presence.

It seems there are an abundance of marijuana shops competing against each other but not any real competition in wine sales. The same thing used to occur in Colorado until wine was sold at grocery stores. It's also nice to ensure that a large collection grocery stores continues to exist especially during cyclic economic downturns.

Finally any legislation which does get pass I hope doesn't get watered down by lobbyists from private stores limiting the number of stores each year as Colorado did. Until another vote just allowed all groceries stores.