

THE MARYLAND HOUSE OF DELEGATES Annapolis, Maryland 21401 ST. MARY'S COUNTY DELEGATION

Testimony in Support of HB486 – St. Mary's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Civil Penalty for Sales Violations

March 20, 2025

The Honorable Pamela Beidle Chair, Senate Finance Committee 3 East, Miller Senate Office Building 11 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401

Good Afternoon Chair Beidle and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

House Bill 486 proposes increasing the maximum civil penalty for alcohol sales violations from \$1,000 to \$2,500 in an effort to encourage businesses in the county to comply with identification checks on all alcohol purchases. This bill would strengthen the ability of the St. Mary's Alcohol Beverage Board to discourage sales of alcohol to minors.

The St. Mary's County Delegations respectfully requests a FAVORABLE report on HB486.

Sincerely,

Todd B. Morgan

Chair, St. Mary's County Delegation