

THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

(301) 952-3700 County Council

POSITION STATEMENT

SB 934 Alcoholic Beverages – Premium Cigar Lounge License – Establishment

Senator Watson (Maryland Premium Cigar Lounge Act of 2025)

POSITION: SUPPORT

The Prince George's County Council strongly supports Senate Bill 934, which establishes the Class C–PCL (Premium Cigar Lounge) alcoholic beverages license. This bill directly aligns with the county's ongoing economic development initiatives, particularly in promoting growth along the Blue Line Corridor for Transit-Oriented Development (TOD).

By permitting premium cigar lounges, the bill provides an opportunity for new, diverse businesses to establish themselves in the county, bringing in both investment and jobs. These businesses will enhance the commercial vibrancy of the Blue Line Corridor, support surrounding establishments, and attract visitors, furthering the county's vision of a dynamic and prosperous regional economy.

This legislation serves as a key step in revitalizing and expanding Prince George's County's economy, fostering a thriving business environment that is both sustainable and inclusive. The Council believes that Senate Bill 934 will contribute significantly to the success of TOD and economic development efforts in the county.

The Prince George's County Council urges support for Senate Bill 934 as it supports the county's strategic development goals and strengthens our local economy.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS Senate Bill 934** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of its position.

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