

# **SB 731 - Sponsor Written Testimony.pdf**

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Sponsor Written Testimony: Favorable

Senate Bill 731: Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages – Baseball Stadium License –  
Alterations

February 19, 2025

Chair Beidle, Vice Chair Hayes, and esteemed members of the Finance Committee:

I am Senator Arthur Ellis, representing District 28, and I am writing to express my support for Senate Bill 731 and to respectfully request the Finance Committee to issue a favorable report.

This legislation seeks to improve public safety and environmental sustainability by prohibiting alcohol consumption in parking areas and eliminating non-glass containers for beverage service. Furthermore, Senate Bill 731 prohibits a license holder from the sale of alcoholic beverages in parking areas ensuring that drinking remains inside the stadium, where it can be properly regulated, reducing tailgating-related alcohol misuse and potential public safety risks. Senate Bill 731 will move Charles County towards taking a responsible approach to alcohol regulation, ensuring that drinking at stadium events is safe, controlled, and environmentally conscious. By keeping alcohol consumption inside the stadium and eliminating non-biodegradable waste, we're protecting both public safety and the environment while supporting local businesses. Thank you for your consideration of this important legislation. I urge the committee to issue a favorable report on Senate Bill 731.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Arthur Ellis in black ink, appearing as "Art Ellis".  
Arthur Ellis

# **SB731\_SupportLetter.pdf**

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February 21, 2025

**Re: Support for HB 835/SB731 Charles County - Alcoholic Beverages - Baseball Stadium License - Alterations**

Dear Committee Members:

On behalf of the Charles County Board of County Commissioners, I write to express our strong support for passage of House Bill 835/Senate Bill 731, which authorizes the license holder at the Charles County baseball stadium to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption throughout the stadium.

Currently, the baseball license allows for sales of beer, wine, and liquor at particular points of sale, and consumption of beer and wine throughout the stadium. HB 835/SB 731 would allow for sale and consumption of beer, wine, and liquor throughout the stadium, excluding the parking lot area. We support this request as we believe the expansion to allow liquor consumption throughout the stadium is an accommodation to our stadium patrons, and reflects the changing popularity of alcohol consumption in the form of canned or bottled mixed cocktails.

For the reasons described herein, we are seeking approval of HB 835/SB 731. We urge a favorable committee report. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Reuben B. Collins, II, consisting of stylized initials and a surname.

Reuben B. Collins, II, Esq., President  
County Commissioners of Charles County

cc: Charles County Delegation