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BY: Senator Hershey  
(To be offered in the Finance Committee)

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 910  
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, before “**Multiple**” insert “**Rural Special Event Venue License and**”; in line 4, strike “as a multiple event license”; in the same line, after “County;” insert “authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Caroline County to issue the license to the owner of a venue with a certain zoning classification;”; in line 6, after “beverages” insert “licenses”; strike in their entirety lines 8 through 13, inclusive; in line 21, strike “15-1309” and substitute “15-1004”; after line 23, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
Section 15-1308  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2024 Replacement Volume)”;

in line 24, strike “and reenacting, with amendments,”; and in line 26, strike “15-1310” and substitute “15-1309”.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 2 through 7, inclusive, and substitute:

“SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, in line 11, strike “**15-1309.**” and substitute “**15-1004.**”.

On page 3, after line 5, insert:

“15-1308.

(a) Instead of issuing individual event licenses, the Board may issue a multiple event license for a particular class of license.

(b) The number of days for which a multiple event license may be used by a single applicant may not exceed 40 per calendar year.

(c) (1) A multiple event license shall be issued:

(i) for one premises only; and

(ii) except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, to the same applicant for all events for which the license is issued.

(2) The Board may:

(i) approve in writing a substitute applicant; and

(ii) before approving a substitute applicant, hold a hearing.

(d) A server who is certified as having completed an alcohol awareness program shall be on the premises for which a multiple event license is issued when alcoholic beverages are served.

**(E) (1) THE HOLDER OF A MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION MAY STORE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON THE LICENSED PREMISES BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED EVENTS IF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:**

**(I) ARE IN A SPECIALLY IDENTIFIED LOCKED AND SECURED LOCATION; AND**

**(II) ARE NOT SOLD OR CONSUMED EXCEPT DURING LICENSED EVENT HOURS FOR LICENSED EVENT PURPOSES.**

(2) (I) THE LICENSE HOLDER SHALL KEEP COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RECORDS OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PURCHASED AND SOLD ON THE LICENSED PREMISES.

(II) THE RECORDS SHALL BE:

1. MAINTAINED ON THE LICENSED PREMISES FOR 2 YEARS; AND

2. AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL OF THE COMPTROLLER, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND THE BOARD.

(III) THE RECORDS SHALL INCLUDE A COMPLETED PRE- AND POST-INVENTORY OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL EVENT.

(3) AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL OF THE COMPTROLLER, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND THE BOARD MAY INSPECT THE PREMISES OF THE LICENSE HOLDER AS PROVIDED UNDER § 6-202 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(4) A LICENSE HOLDER WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION IS SUBJECT TO:

(I) FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE, A FINE OF \$100; AND

(II) FOR A SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500 AND DENIAL OF FUTURE REQUESTS FOR A LICENSE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL EVENT OR A SPECIAL MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE.

[(e)] (F) (1) The fee for a multiple event license is:

(i) \$250 for not more than 10 events per year;

(ii) \$500 for not more than 20 events per year;

(Over)

(iii) \$750 for not more than 30 events per year; and

(iv) \$1,000 for not more than 40 events per year.

(2) The Board may not issue a refund if the license holder holds fewer events during the calendar year than the number of events that the license holder is entitled to hold.”;

and strike line 6 in its entirety and substitute “[15-1309.]”.

On pages 3 and 4, strike the lines beginning with line 7 on page 3 through line 4 on page 4, inclusive.

On page 4, in line 5, strike “3.” and substitute “2.”

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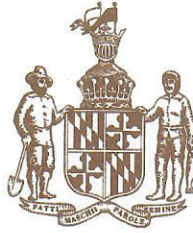
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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

February 14, 2025

The Honorable Pamela Beidle  
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Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Chairwoman Beidle,

The Caroline County Senate Delegation unanimously supports with amendments, Senate Bill 910 Caroline County – Alcoholic Beverages – Multiple Event Licenses. I thank you for your committee's consideration of this bill and request a favorable report.

Sincerely,

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Senator Stephen S. Hershey, Jr.  
Chair Caroline County Senate Delegation

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Senator Johnny Mautz

# **SB910 Hershey Testimony Scan.pdf**

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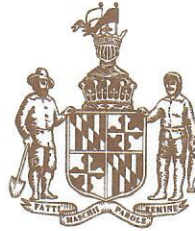
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**THE SENATE OF MARYLAND**  
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Honorable Pamela Beidle  
3 East Miller Senate Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

RE: Senate Bill 910 – Caroline County – Alcoholic Beverages- Multiple Event Licenses

Dear Chair and Members of the Committee,

Senate Bill 910 establishes a rural special event venue beer, wine and liquor license in Caroline County and authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine and liquor for on-premises consumption. This also creates a license fee structure depending on the number of events (\$250 up to 10 events, \$500 up to 20 events, \$750 up to 30 events and \$1,000 up to 40 events) and authorizes the holder of a multiple event license to store alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises between individual licensed events.

Senate Bill 910 has the support of the Caroline County Delegate and the Caroline County Commissioners and I ask for a favorable vote.

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**Senate Bill 910**

*Support for Senate Bill 910—Caroline County—Alcoholic Beverages—Multiple Event Licenses*

Position: **FAV**

Date: **February 21, 2025**

To: **Finance**

On behalf of the Caroline County Commissioners, we **strongly support Senate Bill 910**, which establishes a **Rural Special Event Venue Beer, Wine, and Liquor License** and modifies the existing Multiple Event License regulations to allow non-profit holders to store alcohol on-site between events. This bill provides a much-needed solution for our local event venues, enabling them to operate efficiently, boost tourism, and support small businesses while maintaining responsible alcohol regulations. We are not only seeking to establish a new special event venue license but also to allow multiple event license holders (non-profits) to store alcohol on the premises between their events. Currently, only fire companies that hold a multiple event license can store alcohol.

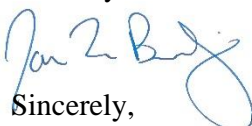
These are two different licenses—a new license category for a rural special event venue and a change to the existing multiple event license regulations for alcohol storage.

Currently, Caroline County does not have a liquor license class specifically for event venues. Instead, venues must rely on licenses intended for restaurants, bars, clubs, or package stores, which are often costly, time-consuming, and not well-suited to their needs. SB 910 addresses this gap by creating a tailored license that allows event venues to legally serve alcohol without unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles.

Additionally, the bill seeks to amend the current Multiple Event License regulations. Presently, only fire companies holding a multiple event license are permitted to store alcohol on-site between events. We believe this privilege should be extended to all qualifying non-profit organizations that hold a multiple event license. Allowing these organizations to store alcohol on-premises will facilitate smoother operations, reduce logistical challenges, and improve event planning.

This legislation ensures responsible alcohol service by requiring secure storage, accurate record-keeping, and alcohol awareness training. Furthermore, its tiered fee structure makes licensing affordable for both small and large venues, allowing them to select an option that aligns with their business model.

For rural counties like Caroline, event venues are more than just businesses—they are economic drivers that create jobs, attract visitors, and support local vendors. SB 910 is essential to their growth and success. We urge your support for this legislation, which will fill a critical licensing gap and strengthen our local economy.

  
Sincerely,

J. Travis Breeding, President

