



WMDA/CAR Service Station
and Automotive Repair Association

Chair: Pamela Beidle and members of Senate Finance

RE: SB 75

Position: Favorable with Amendments

My name is Kirk McCauley, my employer is WMDA/CAR, we represent service stations, convenience stores, and repair facilities across the state as a non-profit trade group established in 1937.

WMDA is in favor with an amendment - "Remove Retailers Square Footage Requirement from SB75 Page 3 line 3"- Retailing beer and wine should not be a monopoly exclusive to current liquor retailers nor to grocery stores because they have over 3200 square feet. Small business is what drives our economy, it makes no sense to exclude those retailers, should they choose to meet all other requirements of SB75.

I also will argue that this bill, amended, has potential to help those areas that are underserved by large retailers. SB75 requires retailers to carry 5 of 6 food items and accept SNAP credits as payment. Convenience retailers would have the opportunity to better serve their communities/customers and keep business and jobs local.

Counties that allow beer and wine sales in small retail locations do so without problems. Sales of beer and wine by convenient retailers do not pose a problem and amending this bill with other requirements intact would benefit consumers and retailers.

WMDA/CAR asks for Favorable Report with Amendment Requested on SB75

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