



**House Bill 0914**

*Worcester County - Board of License Commissioners -  
Membership*

Position: **SUPPORT**

To: **Government, Labor, and Elections Committee**

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From: County Commissioners of Worcester County

On behalf of the Worcester County Commissioners, we respectfully request a **FAVORABLE** report on House Bill 0914. This legislation increases the Worcester County Board of License Commissioners from three to five members, a practical update that reflects the scale and complexity of our tourism-driven economy.

As Maryland's only oceanfront county, Worcester supports a year-round population of approximately 54,000 residents while serving more than 8 million annual visitors and overseeing one of the most active alcoholic beverage licensing environments in the State. Expanding the Board to five members will improve quorum reliability and provide greater continuity in decision-making, particularly during peak seasons when licensing activity and enforcement demands intensify.

A larger Board strengthens transparency, representation, and regulatory consistency while preserving existing licensing standards and enforcement authority. HB 0914 is a straightforward governance modernization that ensures responsible oversight and operational stability. For these reasons, we respectfully request a favorable report on House Bill 0914.