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BILL NO.: **HB 1396**

TITLE: Baltimore County - Alcoholic Beverages - Sunday Sales

SPONSOR: Delegate Szeliga

COMMITTEE: Economic Matters

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: February 17, 2020

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 1396 – Baltimore County - Alcoholic Beverages - Sunday Sales. This bill repeals specified existing restrictions on Sunday sales and authorizes the Baltimore County Board of License Commissioners to issue a Sunday permit to a holder of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor (BWL) license in Baltimore County.

Baltimore County’s restrictions on Sunday sales of alcohol sets us apart from every other jurisdiction in the State. The restriction on Sunday sales is an archaic practice of a bygone era. As the rest of the State has moved beyond the “Blue laws” set in place generations ago, Baltimore County remains stuck in the past. This policy directs Baltimore County residents elsewhere, lowering profits for local small businesses and eliminating potential government revenues that could go back into serving those residents. For the sake of our residents and our businesses, it is time for Baltimore County to catch up with the rest of the State and embrace policies that reflect the modern era.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 1396. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Chief Legislative Officer, at 443-900-6582.