



Maryland State Licensed
Beverage Association



LICENSED BEVERAGE DISTRIBUTORS OF MARYLAND



DATE: February 19, 2021
TO: House Economic Matters Committee
FROM: Above Organizations
RE: SUPPORT – HB 442 – Minority Participation in the Alcoholic Beverage Industry-
Study

The organizations listed above, comprising Maryland-based manufacturers, Maryland-based wholesalers, and Maryland retailers, support House Bill 422.

House Bill 422 calls for a study of minority participation levels in the alcoholic beverage industry. Collectively, the industry believes that a study of this nature is important and may help identify ways that minority businesses can develop a larger presence in the industry. Our organizations look forward to participating in this effort.

For the reasons set forth above, we support House Bill 422 and ask that this Committee give the legislation a favorable report.