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February 15, 2022

Economic Matters Committee
Attn.: Delegate C.T. Wilson, Chair
Room 231
House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Delegate Wilson and Committee Members:

This letter is in support of House Bill 1180, as amended by the Wicomico County Board of License Commissioners, authorizing a Class B-DT (dinner theater) beer, wine, and liquor license in Wicomico County. This license authorizes, for on-premises consumption, the sale of beer, wine, and liquor at dinner theaters that provide live music and entertainment, such as Broadway-style musicals, comedy, dance or drama, provided the facility contains a dining room for serving food for at least 80 individuals at one seating.

This legislation is part of an economic initiative to promote business and create jobs in Wicomico County.

We thank you for your time and consideration of this letter of support. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the Council Office at 410-548-4696.

Sincerely,

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND



John D. Psota, Acting County Executive



John T. Cannon, Council President

cc: Wicomico County Council
Wicomico County State Delegation

Wicomico County Board of License Commissioners

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February 17, 2022

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Re: Senate Bills 645 and 646 and House Bills 1180 and 1181 – Banquet and Dinner Theater License – Wicomico County

Folks,

The Wicomico County Board of License Commissioners, at a public hearing held February 15, 2022, voted unanimously to recommend to the Wicomico County Council and County Executive certain amendments to the Senate and cross filed House bills as shown on the attached mark-up to the bills introduced in the Senate.

/S/ Richard M. Duvall
 Richard M. Duvall
 Board Attorney

cc: Delegate C.T. Wilson, Chair – House Economic Matters Committee
 Via Email: ct.wilson@house.state.md.us

Cross-filed
HB1180

SENATE BILL 645

A2

21r2800
CF 21r2691

By: **Senators Carozza and Eckardt**
Introduced and read first time: February 3, 2022
Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Wicomico County - Alcoholic Beverages - Dinner Theater License**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Class B-DT (dinner theater) beer, wine, and liquor
4 license in Wicomico County and authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for
5 Wicomico County to issue the license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages
6 licenses in Wicomico County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

8 Article - Alcoholic Beverages

9 Section 32-102

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

12 BY adding to

13 Article - Alcoholic Beverages

14 Section 32-1001.2

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

18 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article - Alcoholic Beverages**

20 32-102.

21 This title applies only in Wicomico County.

22 32-1001.2.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

1 (A) THERE IS A CLASS B-DT (DINNER THEATER) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR
2 LICENSE.

3 (B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE FOR THE USE OF A DINNER
4 THEATER THAT:

5 (1) PROVIDES LIVE MUSIC, ENTERTAINMENT, BROADWAY-STYLE
6 MUSICALS, COMEDY, DANCE PERFORMANCES, OR DRAMA TO THE DINNER
7 THEATER'S CUSTOMERS;

8 (2) IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BY RESERVATION ONLY; AND

9 (3) CONTAINS A DINING ROOM WITH FACILITIES FOR PREPARING AND
10 SERVING FULL COURSE MEALS FOR AT LEAST 80 INDIVIDUALS AT ONE SEATING.

11 (C) (1) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL AT
12 RETAIL FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION:

13 (I) BEER AND WINE BY THE DRINK OR BOTTLE; AND

14 (II) LIQUOR BY THE DRINK.

15 (2) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY NOT SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:

16 (I) FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; OR

17 (II) AT ANY TIME EXCEPT IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE DINNER
18 THEATER.

19 (D) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR BEGINNING 2
20 HOURS BEFORE A LIVE PERFORMANCE UNTIL THE END OF THE PERFORMANCE ON
21 ~~MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, AND DURING THE HOURS AND DAYS AS SET OUT FOR A,~~
22 ~~CLASS B BEER, WINE AND LIQUOR LICENSE UNDER § 32-2004 OF THIS TITLE.~~

23 (E) ~~FOOD IS PROVIDED AT THE FUNCTION WHERE THE BEER, WINE, AND~~
24 ~~LIQUOR ARE PROVIDED.~~

225 (E) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS **\$1,500**.

2326 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
24 I, 2022.

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