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THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT 5
CARROLL COUNTY

February 24, 2023

The Honorable Melony Griffith
Finance Committee
Miller Senate Office Building, 3 East
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: **Carroll County Senators Letter of Support
Senate Bill 393 - Carroll County – Alcoholic Beverages – Residency Requirement**

Dear Chairman Griffith, Vice Chair Klausmeier, and members of the Finance Committee,

The Carroll County Senate Delegation would like to notify the Finance Committee of their support for Senate Bill 393 – Carroll County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Residency Requirement.

The above referenced bill was considered by the Carroll County Senate Delegation and was subjected to a bill hearing. The Carroll County Senators and Delegates voted unanimously in favor of the bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Justin Ready".

Senator Justin Ready
Chair, Carroll County Senate Delegation

SB393 Carroll County Residency Requirement Written

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February 24, 2023

Senator Justin Ready

SB 393 – Carroll County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Residency Requirement

Chairman Griffith and members of the Finance Committee:

Senate Bill 393 is legislation requested by the Carroll County Board of Licensed Commissioners. This bill would change the requirement that at least one applicant seeking an alcoholic beverages license on behalf of a partnership, or club, or limited liability company in Carroll County to must be a resident of the State rather than the county.

The Carroll Senate and House Delegation voted unanimously in favor of SB 393, a letter of support and voting sheet are also included.

I respectfully request a **favorable** vote on Senate Bill 393.

SB393CCAlcoholresidencyvotingsheet.pdf

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Carroll County Delegation Meeting

Zoom

Thursday January 26, 2023 9:00am

Voting on Bill

SB 393 - Alcoholic Beverages - Residency Requirement

Sen Ready	Yes	No
Sen West	Yes	No
Del Rose	Yes	No
Del Tomlinson	Yes	No
Del Bouchat	Yes	No
Del Stonko	Yes	No

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Mission: To improve public health in Maryland through education and advocacy *Vision:* Healthy Marylanders living in Healthy Communities

SB393: Carroll County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Residency Requirement

Hearing Date: February 24, 2023

Committee: Finance

Position: Unfavorable

Through the situation leading up to Prohibition, Prohibition itself, and eventually repeal, there was a national consensus that alcohol could not and should not be left up to the ordinary rules of the marketplace.

The public health harms, including death and injury resulting from excessing drinking, to social destabilization from crime, poverty, and violence, are what guide our organized regulatory system today. Essentially one of the main goals of regulation, as it says in our Maryland Code, is “to promote temperance...for the protection, health, welfare, and safety of the people.”

As alcohol availability increases, consumption increases, leading to increases in negative outcomes from its use. The goal after Prohibition was not to prohibit its use again, but to minimize harms from excessive drinking through reasonable regulations. That task was given to the states, recognizing that a one-size-fits-all approach did not take into account the local variations of use and misuse across the country.

This brings me to residency requirements. This ensures that retailers have a connection to the communities that they serve. Prior to Prohibition, communities were plagued by outlets owned by out of state interests, who had little reason to be concerned about the effects their markets had on the immediate vicinity.

Similar to bills that open the door for faceless national chains, gas stations, and grocery stores, local residency ensures ownership of the impact a retailer has on the local community. We know that retailers who adhere more closely to regulations such as minimizing advertising, especially to youth, training staff not to serve youth, and limiting or refraining from providing cheap alcohol, such as with happy hours and promotions, significantly reduce alcohol-related harms. Retailers with a stake in the community are more likely to abide by these practices in order to help create a safer environment not only for their patrons, but for their own family and friends.

Public health has a seat at the table when discussing alcohol regulations because it is for public health reasons that Prohibition was set in motion and a public health approach that was set in place afterwards to increase the possibility that some of the more egregious business tactics would be tempered by policies to reduce inevitable harm.

We urge an unfavorable report on SB393.

The Maryland Public Health Association (MdPHA) is a nonprofit, statewide organization of

public health professionals dedicated to improving the lives of all Marylanders through education, advocacy, and collaboration. We support public policies consistent with our vision of healthy Marylanders living in healthy, equitable, communities. MdPHA is the state affiliate of the American Public Health Association, a nearly 150-year-old professional organization dedicated to improving population health and reducing health disparities that plague our state and our nation.