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December 12, 2023

Wicomico County Delegation  
c/o Delegate Carl L. Anderton, Jr.  
House Office Building, Room 310  
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RE: Class 9 Limited Distillery License

Dear Senators and Delegates:

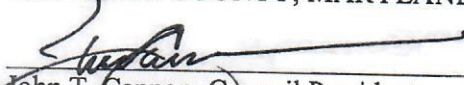
This letter is in support of the request by the Wicomico County Board of License Commissions for legislation to allow the holder of a Class B BWL and Class 9 Limited Distillery License to sell products manufactured at the Class 9 Distillery for off premise consumption. A copy of their request dated October 25, 2023 is enclosed for your reference.

Allowing for the sale of products manufactured at the Class 9 Distillery will promote economic sustainability for the businesses and create a business-friendly community.

We appreciate your assistance. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Council Office at 410-548-4696.

Sincerely,

WICOMICO COUNTY, MARYLAND

  
John T. Cannon, Council President

Enclosure

cc: Wicomico County Council

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Re: Board Recommended Legislation for Referral to State Legislative Delegation  
Class 9 Limited Distillery License – Wicomico County

Folks,

The Board is recommending approval of the attached amendment to the local alcohol law for Class B beer wine and liquor (BWL) restaurants. See, Code, Alcoholic Beverages Article, Sec.32-902

### BACKGROUND

State law permits a Class 9 Limited Distillery License in Wicomico and all other counties in the State, See, Code, Alcohol Beverages Article at 2-203 and 32-401(3). The license may be issued only to the holder of a Class B BWL or Class D license which is authorized to sell on and off premise. Code, at 2-203 (b). Wicomico County currently does not authorize the sale of alcohol from a Class B BWL restaurant for off premise consumption and hence the need to amend the law if the Class 9 Limited Distillery License is determined by to be available in the County.

The proposal does not include provision for issuance of a distillery license to a Class D Tavern. There currently are 3 Class D Tavern Licenses issued in the County. The Board has determined that the license should be limited to the holders of a restaurant license.

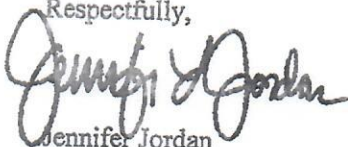
The license is issued by the State and permits the holder to manufacture distilled spirits for sale to wholesalers in the State and, if granted a Class 8 Wholesale License, at wholesale directly to retailers.

The amendment would allow a holder of a Class B BWL and Class 9 Limited Distillery License to sell products manufactured at the Class 9 Distillery for off premise consumption. Please note however that in Wicomico County, the distilled product would have to be purchased at retail through the Dispensary. The restaurant could not sell directly to the public. See, Code at 32-306.

If you are inclined to move this legislation forward it should be placed on the November Agenda and December, at the latest, to timely present to the State legislative delegation. I am generally only available in the evenings if that is convenient for you folks.

Please direct any questions to the Board Attorney, Richard M. Duvall at [richardmduvallverizon.net](mailto:richardmduvallverizon.net)

Respectfully,



Jennifer Jordan  
Board Chair