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House Bill 994 - Alcoholic Beverages - Retail Delivery - Class A License Holder

Economic Matters Committee

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SUPPORT

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC), as the voice of Montgomery County business, supports House Bill 994. This bill authorizes the holder of a Class A retail alcoholic beverages license in the State to deliver alcoholic beverages to a purchaser if the Class A license holder sends a written notice to the local licensing board of the Class A license holder's intent to make deliveries and the delivery is made from the licensed premises by the license holder or an employee of the license holder.

Over the last 11 months, the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) has been advocating at the local, state, and federal level on behalf of our members. MCCC has also hosted webinars on best practices in this new COVID-19 world. And through these webinars, and in advocating for our members, we have heard about the importance of pivoting and utilizing new business strategies.

This legislation would not require our retailers to seek authorization/permission from the local licensing board to make deliveries and, instead, they must only inform the local licensing board that it intends to make deliveries. It is important to emphasize that retailers across the state have been delivering alcohol safely and without issue since the Governor's Executive Order was issued almost a year ago. This bill would simply make that permanent.

For the aforementioned reasons, **the Chamber strongly supports House Bill 994 and respectfully urges a favorable report.**

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) accelerates the success of our nearly 500 members by advocating for increased business opportunities, strategic investment in infrastructure, and balanced tax reform to advance Metro Maryland as a regional, national, and global location for business success. Established in 1959, MCCC is an independent non-profit membership organization and is proud to be a Montgomery County Green Certified Business.

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