



Prince George's County Council

Agenda Item Summary

Meeting Date: 1/28/2025

Effective Date: 7/8/2025

Reference No.: CR-003-2025

Chapter Number:

Draft No.: 2

Public Hearing Date:

Proposer(s): Fisher and Blegay

Sponsor(s): Fisher, Blegay, Oriadha, Hawkins and Watson

Item Title: A RESOLUTION CONCERNING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - LICENSES FOR RETAIL GROCERY ESTABLISHMENTS for the purpose of stating a policy by the Prince George's County Council and requesting that the Prince George's House and Senate delegations of the Maryland General Assembly support local legislation allowing the Board ("the Board") of License Commissioners for Prince George's County to issue a Class A beer and wine license to establishments in the Board's jurisdiction to sell beer and wine to individuals who are twenty-one (21) years old or older.

Drafter: Reese Espy-Glassman, Legislative Officer

Resource Personnel: Shanika L. Griffith, Chief of Staff, Council District 2

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY:

| Date: | Acting Body: | Action: | Sent To: |
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| 01/28/2025 | County Council | introduced and referred | GOFP |
| Action Text: This Resolution was introduced by Council Members Fisher, Blegay, Oriadha, Hawkins, and Watson and referred to the Government Operations and Fiscal Policy Committee. | | | |
| 02/27/2025 | GOFP | Held in Committee | |
| Action Text: A motion was made by Council Member Oriadha, seconded by Council Member Dernoga, that this Resolution be Held in Committee. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 3 Watson, Dernoga and Oriadha Absent: 2 Harrison and Hawkins | | | |
| 06/10/2025 | GOFP | amended (1) | |
| Action Text: A motion was made by Vice Chair Blegay, seconded by Council Member Oriadha, that this Resolution be amended. The motion carried by the following vote: Aye: 5 Watson, Dernoga, Oriadha, Burroughs and Blegay | | | |

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A motion was made by Vice Chair Blegay, seconded by Council Member Oriadha, that this Resolution be Favorably recommended with amendments to the County Council. The motion carried by the following vote:

new draft substituted

A motion was made by Council Member Watson, seconded by Council Member Blegay, that a new draft of this Resolution be substituted. The motion carried by the following vote:

adopted

A motion was made by Council Member Blegay, seconded by Council Member Fisher, that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Abstain: 1 Ivey

BACKGROUND INFORMATION/FISCAL IMPACT:

The proposed legislation establishes a process to sell light wine and beer in grocery establishments. Often times, Prince George's residents must visit neighboring jurisdiction's to purchase beer and light wine. For the purposes of identifying access points to fresh food, a food retailer may be defined as a retail establishment that offers for sale food products in at least five of the following six categories: (1) fresh fruits and vegetables, (2) fresh and uncooked meat, poultry, and seafood, (3) dairy products and (4) canned foods, (5) frozen foods and (6) dry groceries and baked goods. Moreover, statistics show that Prince George's County has been hardest hit by the pandemic health wise are the same places where the County has the least access to primary care physicians and general health care. These areas are the same places to have the least access to healthy food. Lastly, grocers may be attracted to local

supermarkets if they also sold beer and light wine, providing a one-stop shopping experience.

Document(s): R2025003, CR-003-2025 OOL Comments, CR-003-2025 Report, CR-003-2025 PAFI