



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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County Council

POSITION STATEMENT

PG 305-23

Delegate J. Lewis

Prince George's County – Alcoholic Beverages –
Development District License

POSITION:

SUPPORT

PG 305-23 – Prince George's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Development District License – For the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Prince George's County to issue Class B-DD licenses for restaurants located within a certain area on Central Avenue. This bill would take effect July 1, 2023.

This bill authorizes the Board of License Commissioners to issue any number of Class B-DD (development district) licenses to restaurants located on Central Avenue from the Capital Beltway to the Washington D.C. border, also known as the Blue Line Corridor. This class of licenses is reserved for restaurants with no more than three locations within the County. Thus, it does not apply to chain or fast-food restaurants.

The intent of this legislation is to encourage independently owned restaurants—not chains and fast-food restaurants—to open another location within the Blue Line Corridor. The Prince George's County Council supports legislation aimed at both assisting local businesses that seek to expand and flourish within the County and providing residents with quality dining establishments that are in high demand within the region. The County has been making efforts to spur economic development in this region and to transform the Blue Line Corridor into a major dining attraction for the County. The investment into locally owned and operated restaurants authorized by this piece of legislation will further that goal.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council SUPPORTS PG 305-23 and respectfully requests the Committee's favorable consideration of its position.

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