NOTICE OF DECISION

OF THE BOARD OF LICENSE COMMISSIONERS FOR HARFORD COUNTY REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF THIRD-PARTY DELIVERY LICENSES FOR ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

The Maryland General Assembly passed House Bill 808 during this past session. The text of the bill was codified as Md. Code Ann. Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article § 4-1107 (hereinafter "Local Delivery Service"). The Local Delivery Service statute allows for delivery of regulated alcoholic beverages/products sold by a licensee (hereinafter "Licensee") by a third-party service provider who is independent from the Licensee if such delivery service provider, applies for, and is granted, a local delivery service permit issued pursuant to Section 4-1107(b) by the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County (hereinafter "Board").

Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article § 4-1107(a) provides, "[t]his Section applies *only* in a jurisdiction where the local licensing board has adopted regulations to authorize the delivery of alcoholic beverages by a third-party contractor, an independent contractor, or an agent." The text of the Local Delivery Service statute delegates the sole authority and discretion to local boards to determine IF a delivery license will be created and issued at all.

NOTICE OF DECISION REGARDING THE CREATION AND ISSUANCE OF A LOCAL DELIVERY LICENSE:

After full debate, careful consideration, and receipt of input from attending members of the community as well as representatives of the Licensees, at its duly advertised and regularly scheduled meeting on July 24, 2024, the Board unanimously voted **against** the creation of a Local Delivery Service License, in exercise of its delegated authority.

AS SUCH, alcoholic beverage deliveries in Harford County may only be made directly by a Licensee (or its employee) that is authorized by the Board to make deliveries pursuant to Board Rule 4:15 in conjunction with its license and the privileges which are attendant thereto.

Wayne S. Goddard, Chair

Harford County Liquor Control Board