

January 2, 2020

The County Commissioners of Queen Anne’s County met this date pursuant to its last adjournment and there were present:

James J. Moran  
Jack N. Wilson, Jr.  
Stephen Wilson  
Philip L. Dumenil  
Christopher M. Corchiarino

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

**PRESS AND PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The following persons spoke to the Commissioners on subjects of interest to them:

1. Warren Wright
2. Kathy Wright

**REVIEW OF PROPOSED DRAFT STATE LEGISLATION:**

Jeff Thompson, Esquire, Liquor Board Attorney; Ms. Joyce Jones, Liquor Board Chairperson and Patrick Thompson, Esquire, County Attorney met with the Board and held a discussion on the following proposed legislation to be forwarded to our Eastern Shore Delegation.

LB1. 27-1601 - This eliminates the provision that a license cannot be issued within 500 feet of a Place of Worship

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve LB1. 27-1601.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	

Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

LB3. 27-1401 - This eliminates the provision that a new licensee must provide 10 signatures/references within the precinct where a new license is proposed for issuance. References must live in the precinct and be registered voters.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner J. Wilson, the Board unanimously agreed to approve LB3. 27-1401.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

LB4. 27-101.2019 - This adds the definition of “Deliver” when transporting alcohol outside of a licensed premise and LB5. 27-1902 - This adds the requirement for delivery of alcohol that you must be 21 years old. It also permits 18-year old employees to sell, serve, pour and stock alcohol provided the employee has alcohol awareness training.

On a motion made by Commissioner Moran, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously approved LB4 27-101.2019 and LB5. 27-1902 with the following wording to remain that the Bartender must be 21 years of age and waiters and waitress can be 18 to 20 to serve or pour wine or beer at the table with the alcohol awareness training.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

PET1. 27-204. Quorum - This changes the authority to appoint other staff to assist the Liquor Board from the Liquor Board to the County Administrator. Refer to number LB2 for the Liquor Boards version of the bill. PET2. 27-205 Inspector - This eliminates the provision that the liquor inspector be FULL TIME and changes the authority to appoint this position from the Liquor Board to the County Commissioners. Refer to number LB2 for the Liquor Boards version of the bill.

It was a consensus of the Board to move forward with PET1 27-204 and PET 2 27-205 with the following change: “With the advice of the Board”.

LB7. 27-1402 - This changes the 75% ownership and residency provision for partnerships for package stores (Class A License) and adds the requirement that the partnership designate a resident agent.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, the Board unanimously agreed to approve LB.7 1402.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

LB8. 27-1403 - This is an opt out Section from Article 4. (a) This removes the residency requirement for package stores and adds that the licensee must be a Maryland entity in good standing and/or a foreign entity registered to do business in the County. (b) This applies to all other licensees (ie. restaurants). It removes the provision that a licensee is not required to be resident of the County. It also removes the provision that a licensee is required to be resident of the State (which due to a recent Court decision is not a legal provision anyway). What is not covered in this bill is the 15% common stock ownership provision which creates challenges for chain restaurants to get a license.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Corchiarino, the Board unanimously agreed to approve LB8. 27-1403. As part of the motion, a discussion was held between Commissioners Corchiarino, Dumenil, Moran, J Wilson and S. Wilson on this topic.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

LB9. 27-101 - This adds the definition of a “Controlling Interest” and LB10. 27-1404 - This provision allows a licensee to hold more than one license as established by the new definition of Controlling Interest.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Dumenil, Commissioners Moran and S. Wilson opposed, the Board agreed to approve LB9. 27-101 and

LB10. 27-1404. As part of the motion, a discussion was held between Commissioners Corchiarino and Moran on this topic.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran		x
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson		x
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

PET4. Maryland Code, Transportation § 25-102 (a)(20) - This is a bill that would grant the County authority to restrict and regulate access off of U.S. Route 50/301 for emergency and local traffic only during times of anticipated severe traffic congestion approaching the William Preston Lane Memorial Bridge on Kent Island.

On a motion made by Commissioner J. Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed to approve PET4 Maryland Code, Transportation § 25-102 (a)(20).

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	
S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

Eastern Shore Code Home Rule Counties – Special Taxing Districts

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Eastern Shore Code Home Rule Counties, including Caroline County, Kent County, Queen Anne’s County and Worcester County, to exercise certain powers concerning the creation of special taxing districts, the levying of certain ad valorem or special taxes in special taxing districts, and the issuing of bonds and security payment obligations for developing and financing certain infrastructure improvements under certain circumstances; and generally relating to the authority of Caroline County, Kent County, Queen Anne’s County and Worcester County to create special taxing districts for developing and financing infrastructure improvements.

On a motion made by Commissioner Corchiarino, seconded by Commissioner Moran, the Board unanimously agreed to approve Eastern Shore Code Home Rule Counties – Special Taxing Districts.

Commissioners	Yes	No
Moran	x	
J Wilson	x	

S Wilson	x	
Dumenil	x	
Corchiarino	x	

There being no further business, they adjourned at 6:30 p.m. to meet again on Tuesday, January 14, 2020.

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EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT

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PRESIDENT