

Chair Bynum, Vice-Chair Morgan, Vice-Chair Nguyen, D., and Members of the Committee:

I strongly support HB 2502. This bill addresses a critical issue for liquor store operators and helps ensure their livelihoods are protected in the event of changes to the system for selling containers of distilled liquor.

The increase in the percentage of average annual gross distilled liquor sales to be paid as business loss compensation is crucial in ensuring that these operators are not left financially stranded during such changes. Furthermore, including this percentage as a source of moneys for business loss compensation helps to ensure that the compensation is sustainable and adequate for those affected.

I believe that this bill will provide much-needed support for liquor store operators and help ensure their businesses are able to continue operating in a fair and just manner. The declaration of an emergency also highlights the urgency of this issue and the need for immediate action.

In conclusion, I fully support HB 2502 and believe that it will bring much-needed stability and security to the liquor store industry. Thank you for considering this important bill.

Sincerely,

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