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Legislative Update

Foreword

The following compilation gathers the full legislative text for alcohol, tobacco, and cannabis bills passed into law in the 2025 Legislative Session of the Maryland State Legislature, and includes summary outlines of each piece of legislation. We intend for this to be a reference document so that regulators, members of industry, and interested community members can quickly find and review the law changes related to the commercial alcohol, tobacco, and cannabis industries side by side. Note that this reference focuses on licensing and regulation of the commercial markets for these commodities, and does not contain all criminal, occupational, or public safety laws related to these items.

The first section of the Legislative Update covers Statewide laws that affect the alcoholic beverages industry throughout Maryland. This is followed by a jurisdiction-by-jurisdiction review of local law changes in alphabetical order by County or Municipality. The final two sections will cover tobacco and cannabis laws respectively, each of which will apply to the entire State. Within each subsection the bills are listed in order first by their Senate Bill numbers, followed by the House Bill numbers.

The summaries contained here are intended to address the primary effects of each bill, but the ATCC would encourage you to carefully review the text of the law directly to address detailed questions about compliance with each new law. If you have questions about these laws, or the Legislative Update as a whole, please feel free to contact the ATCC by phone at: **443-300-6990** or email at: **atcc.info@maryland.gov**.

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Alcohol



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

STATEWIDE

SB1039

Class 5 Breweries - On-Premises Consumption

 EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 2-207(f)(2)

SUMMARY: Increases the ratio of barrels of beer a Class 5 brewery can bring in from an affiliated brewery to sell on-site, raising the affiliated beer on-premises sales limit from 25% to 35% of the total on-premises sales that year.

WES MOORE, Governor

Ch. 144

Chapter 144

(Senate Bill 1039)

AN ACT concerning

Alcoholic Beverages – Class 5 Breweries – On-Premises Consumption

FOR the purpose of increasing the percentage of beer not produced by the holder of a Class 5 brewery license that the license holder is permitted to sell for on-premises consumption under certain circumstances; and generally relating to Class 5 breweries and on-site consumption.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 2–207(b) and (f)(1)(i)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 2–207(f)(2)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

2–207.

(b) There is a Class 5 brewery license.

(f) (1) (i) A local licensing board may grant an on-site consumption permit to an applicant that holds a Class 5 brewery license and, subject to paragraph (5) of this subsection, a Class D beer license.

(2) Subject to the maximum volume limit under paragraph (4) of this subsection, a Class D beer license or an equivalent license under paragraph (5) of this subsection entitles the holder to sell to an individual who has attained the legal drinking age, for on-premises consumption at the brewery:

(i) beer:

1. of which the holder of the Class 5 license is the brand owner; and

2. that is fermented and brewed entirely by the license holder at a location authorized by this section;

(ii) beer that is fermented and brewed entirely at the brewery under contract with a brand owner who does not possess a Class 5 license; and

(iii) subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, beer brewed at a location other than the Class 5 brewery if:

1. the brand owner of the beer is the holder of the Class 5 license or an affiliate of the holder of the Class 5 license;

2. the number of barrels of the beer sold for on-premises consumption under the Class D beer license or an equivalent license or an on-site consumption permit in a calendar year does not exceed the greater of:

A. ~~[25%]~~ **35%** of the total number of barrels of beer sold for on-premises consumption under the Class D license or an equivalent license or an on-site consumption permit in that calendar year; or

B. 1.2% of total finished production under the Class 5 brewery license; and

3. A. the license holder contracts with or on behalf of a holder of a manufacturer's license or nonresident dealer's permit; or

B. the beer is manufactured by an affiliate of the license holder.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, April 22, 2025.



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STATEWIDE

SB 544 / HB 599

Food Establishments - Portable Chemical Toilets

 EFFECTIVE DATE: JUNE 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Health - General Section 21-325

SUMMARY: Certain Food establishments may provide a portable chemical toilet as a convenient lavatory if:

- ▶ It conducts agritourism (under Land Use Article § 4-212),
- ▶ Or It is a Class 4 Limited Winery or a Class 8 Farm Brewery.
- ▶ The portable toilet must be:
 - » Supplied with soap, water, towels, or other approved hand drying options,
 - » Kept sanitary,
 - » Properly ventilated, and
 - » Placed at least 25 feet from a well.

Chapter 761

(Senate Bill 544)

AN ACT concerning

Food Establishments – Portable Chemical Toilets

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain food establishments to comply with the requirement to provide a convenient lavatory by providing a portable chemical toilet that ~~otherwise~~ meets certain requirements; and generally relating to food establishments.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Health – General
 Section 21–325
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

21–325.

(a) **[Each] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, EACH** food establishment shall have:

(1) A convenient toilet that is:

(i) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, separated from any room in which food is manufactured, prepared, packed, canned, frozen, sold, or distributed;

(ii) Kept in a sanitary condition; and

(iii) Properly ventilated; and

(2) A convenient lavatory that is:

(i) Supplied with soap, water, towels, or other approved hand drying devices;

(ii) Kept in a sanitary condition; and

(iii) Properly ventilated.

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(b) Each food service facility which prepares food and provides seating for patrons established after January 1, 1979, shall have available for the public:

- (1) A convenient toilet that is kept in a sanitary condition; and
- (2) A convenient lavatory that is:
 - (i) Supplied with soap, water, towels, or other approved hand drying devices;
 - (ii) Kept in a sanitary condition; and
 - (iii) Properly ventilated.

(c) A room that houses a toilet may be constructed within a larger room in which food is manufactured, prepared, packed, canned, frozen, sold, or distributed.

(D) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A FOOD ESTABLISHMENT THAT IS:

(I) A BUSINESS THAT CONDUCTS AGRITOURISM, AS DEFINED IN § 4-212 OF THE LAND USE ARTICLE;

(II) A CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSED UNDER § 2-206 OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CANNABIS ARTICLE; AND

(III) A CLASS 8 FARM BREWERY LICENSED UNDER § 2-210 OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CANNABIS ARTICLE.

(2) A FOOD ESTABLISHMENT MAY COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE A CONVENIENT LAVATORY BY PROVIDING A PORTABLE CHEMICAL TOILET THAT ~~OTHERWISE:~~

(I) OTHERWISE MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (A)(2) OR (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(II) IS PLACED AT LEAST 25 FEET FROM A WELL.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

Chapter 762

(House Bill 559)

AN ACT concerning

Food Establishments – Portable Chemical Toilets

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain food establishments to comply with the requirement to provide a convenient lavatory by providing a portable chemical toilet that ~~otherwise~~ meets certain requirements; and generally relating to food establishments.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Health – General
 Section 21–325
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2023 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Health – General

21–325.

(a) **[Each] SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, EACH** food establishment shall have:

(1) A convenient toilet that is:

(i) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, separated from any room in which food is manufactured, prepared, packed, canned, frozen, sold, or distributed;

(ii) Kept in a sanitary condition; and

(iii) Properly ventilated; and

(2) A convenient lavatory that is:

(i) Supplied with soap, water, towels, or other approved hand drying devices;

(ii) Kept in a sanitary condition; and

(iii) Properly ventilated.

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(b) Each food service facility which prepares food and provides seating for patrons established after January 1, 1979, shall have available for the public:

- (1) A convenient toilet that is kept in a sanitary condition; and
- (2) A convenient lavatory that is:
 - (i) Supplied with soap, water, towels, or other approved hand drying devices;
 - (ii) Kept in a sanitary condition; and
 - (iii) Properly ventilated.

(c) A room that houses a toilet may be constructed within a larger room in which food is manufactured, prepared, packed, canned, frozen, sold, or distributed.

(D) (1) THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY TO A FOOD ESTABLISHMENT THAT IS:

(I) A BUSINESS THAT CONDUCTS AGRITOURISM, AS DEFINED IN § 4-212 OF THE LAND USE ARTICLE;

(II) A CLASS 4 LIMITED WINERY LICENSED UNDER § 2-206 OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CANNABIS ARTICLE; AND

(III) A CLASS 8 FARM BREWERY LICENSED UNDER § 2-210 OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CANNABIS ARTICLE.

(2) A FOOD ESTABLISHMENT MAY COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE A CONVENIENT LAVATORY BY PROVIDING A PORTABLE CHEMICAL TOILET THAT ~~OTHERWISE~~:

(I) OTHERWISE MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF SUBSECTION (A)(2) OR (B)(2) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(II) IS PLACED AT LEAST 25 FEET FROM A WELL.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.





ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

ALLEGANY COUNTY

HB1108

Minimum Age for Employment of Underage Individuals

 EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 9-1902

SUMMARY:

- ▶ Raises the minimum employee age for alcoholic beverage licensees from 16 to 18.
- ▶ If more than half of revenue comes from food sales, the licensee may employ individuals aged 16 to 21.

Chapter 843

(House Bill 1108)

AN ACT concerning

Allegany County – Alcoholic Beverages – Minimum Age for Employment of Underage Individuals

FOR the purpose of altering the minimum age for employment in Allegany County for alcoholic beverages license holders that do not derive a certain percentage of revenues from the sale of food; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Allegany County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 9–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 9–1902
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

9–102.

This title applies only in Allegany County.

9–1902.

(a) (1) [A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A license holder may employ an individual between the ages of [16] 18 and 21 years.

(2) A LICENSE HOLDER THAT DERIVES MORE THAN HALF OF ITS REVENUES FROM THE SALE OF FOOD MAY EMPLOY AN INDIVIDUAL BETWEEN THE AGES OF 16 AND 21 YEARS.

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(b) To be allowed to sell or serve beer, light wine, and liquor, an individual shall be at least 18 years old.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.





ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

SB 17 / HB 515

Veteran's Organizations

 EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Sections 11-1009 and 11-2004(c)

SUMMARY:

- ▶ A current Class C BWL license holder may apply to convert it to a Class C Veterans' Organization License.
 - » Applying to convert the license is considered a license renewal, not a new license (which simplifies procedural requirements).
- ▶ The annual license fee is decreased to \$300.
- ▶ Veterans' Organizations may also receive application and administrative fee discounts from the board when they convert a Class C or apply for the license.:
- ▶ A Class C (Veterans' Organization) licensee may sell beer, wine, and liquor Monday through Sunday from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the next day, and do not need a separate Sunday license.

Chapter 783

(Senate Bill 17)

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Veterans’ Organizations

FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain holder of a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in Anne Arundel County to convert the license to a Class C (veterans’ organization) license; altering the annual license fee for a Class C (veterans’ organization) license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to provide application and administrative fee discounts to certain licensees and applicants; authorizing the holder of a Class C (veterans’ organization) license to operate on Sunday without obtaining a Sunday license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 11–102 and 11–903
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 11–1009 and 11–2004(c)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

11–102.

This title applies only in Anne Arundel County.

11–903.

- (a) There is a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license.
- (b) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail, at a club at the place described in the license, for on–premises consumption.
- (c) The annual license fee is \$480.

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11–1009.

(a) There is a Class C (veterans' organization) license.

(b) The Board shall issue the license for use by a local unit of a nationwide nonprofit organization or club that:

(1) is composed only of members who served in the armed forces of the United States in a war in which the United States has been engaged;

(2) has a charter from a national veterans' organization that was granted before the application for the license was made;

(3) has a bona fide membership of at least 100 individuals and dues of at least \$5 per year per individual; and

(4) operates for its members and meets in a clubhouse principally used for its members.

(c) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license for on-premises consumption.

(d) The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours and days as set out for a Class C [beer, wine, and liquor] (VETERANS' ORGANIZATION) license under § 11–2004 of this title.

(E) (1) A HOLDER OF A CLASS C BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE ISSUED UNDER § 11–903 OF THIS TITLE THAT QUALIFIES AS A VETERANS' ORGANIZATION UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION MAY APPLY TO CONVERT THE LICENSE TO A CLASS C (VETERANS' ORGANIZATION) LICENSE.

(2) THE CONVERSION TO AND ISSUANCE OF A CLASS C (VETERANS' ORGANIZATION) LICENSE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE CONSIDERED A LICENSE RENEWAL AND NOT AN ISSUANCE OF A NEW LICENSE.

[(e)] (F) (1) The annual license fee is [\$400] \$300.

(2) THE BOARD MAY PROVIDE APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEE DISCOUNTS TO AN ORGANIZATION THAT:

(I) QUALIFIES AS A VETERANS' ORGANIZATION UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(II) 1. HOLDS A CLASS C (VETERANS' ORGANIZATION) LICENSE;

2. APPLIES FOR AN INITIAL OR RENEWAL CLASS C (VETERANS' ORGANIZATION) LICENSE; OR

3. HOLDS A CLASS C BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE THAT IS CONVERTED TO A CLASS C (VETERANS' ORGANIZATION) LICENSE UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.

11–2004.

(c) (1) **[A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION,** A holder of a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license may sell beer, wine, and liquor on Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day.

(2) Except as provided in **[paragraph] PARAGRAPHS (3) AND (4)** of this subsection, the license holder may not sell beer, wine, or liquor after 2 a.m. on Sunday.

(3) The Board may issue to the license holder a Sunday license that authorizes the sale of beer, wine, and liquor on Sunday according to terms that the license states.

(4) A HOLDER OF A CLASS C (VETERANS' ORGANIZATION) LICENSE UNDER § 11–1009 OF THIS TITLE MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR ON MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY FROM 6 A.M. TO 2 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY WITHOUT OBTAINING A SUNDAY LICENSE UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

[(4)] (5) The license holder may sell or provide beer, wine, and liquor at a bar or counter on any day on which the sale of beer, wine, and liquor is allowed by law.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

WES MOORE, Governor

Ch. 782

Chapter 782

(House Bill 515)

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Veterans’ Organizations

FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain holder of a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in Anne Arundel County to convert the license to a Class C (veterans’ organization) license; altering the annual license fee for a Class C (veterans’ organization) license; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to provide application and administrative fee discounts to certain licensees and applicants; authorizing the holder of a Class C (veterans’ organization) license to operate on Sunday without obtaining a Sunday license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 11–102 and 11–903
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 11–1009 and 11–2004(c)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

11–102.

This title applies only in Anne Arundel County.

11–903.

- (a) There is a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license.
- (b) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail, at a club at the place described in the license, for on–premises consumption.
- (c) The annual license fee is \$480.

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11-1009.

(a) There is a Class C (veterans' organization) license.

(b) The Board shall issue the license for use by a local unit of a nationwide nonprofit organization or club that:

(1) is composed only of members who served in the armed forces of the United States in a war in which the United States has been engaged;

(2) has a charter from a national veterans' organization that was granted before the application for the license was made;

(3) has a bona fide membership of at least 100 individuals and dues of at least \$5 per year per individual; and

(4) operates for its members and meets in a clubhouse principally used for its members.

(c) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license for on-premises consumption.

(d) The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours and days as set out for a Class C [beer, wine, and liquor] (VETERANS' ORGANIZATION) license under § 11-2004 of this title.

(E) (1) A HOLDER OF A CLASS C BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE ISSUED UNDER § 11-903 OF THIS TITLE THAT QUALIFIES AS A VETERANS' ORGANIZATION UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION MAY APPLY TO CONVERT THE LICENSE TO A CLASS C (VETERANS' ORGANIZATION) LICENSE.

(2) THE CONVERSION TO AND ISSUANCE OF A CLASS C (VETERANS' ORGANIZATION) LICENSE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE CONSIDERED A LICENSE RENEWAL AND NOT AN ISSUANCE OF A NEW LICENSE.

[(e)] (F) (1) The annual license fee is [\$400] \$300.

(2) THE BOARD MAY PROVIDE APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE FEE DISCOUNTS TO AN ORGANIZATION THAT:

(I) QUALIFIES AS A VETERANS' ORGANIZATION UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION; AND

(II) 1. HOLDS A CLASS C (VETERANS' ORGANIZATION) LICENSE;

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2. APPLIES FOR AN INITIAL OR RENEWAL CLASS C (VETERANS' ORGANIZATION) LICENSE; OR

3. HOLDS A CLASS C BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE THAT IS CONVERTED TO A CLASS C (VETERANS' ORGANIZATION) LICENSE UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.

11–2004.

(c) (1) **[A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A** holder of a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license may sell beer, wine, and liquor on Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day.

(2) Except as provided in **[paragraph] PARAGRAPHS (3) AND (4)** of this subsection, the license holder may not sell beer, wine, or liquor after 2 a.m. on Sunday.

(3) The Board may issue to the license holder a Sunday license that authorizes the sale of beer, wine, and liquor on Sunday according to terms that the license states.

(4) A HOLDER OF A CLASS C (VETERANS' ORGANIZATION) LICENSE UNDER § 11–1009 OF THIS TITLE MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR ON MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY FROM 6 A.M. TO 2 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY WITHOUT OBTAINING A SUNDAY LICENSE UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

[(4)] (5) The license holder may sell or provide beer, wine, and liquor at a bar or counter on any day on which the sale of beer, wine, and liquor is allowed by law.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

SB 568 / HB 409

Board of Licenses Commissioners - Part-Time Deputy Chief Inspector - Compensation

 **EFFECTIVE DATE:** JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 11-206

SUMMARY: Raises the part-time deputy chief inspector's annual salary from \$9,000 to \$18,000.

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(Senate Bill 568)

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Board of License Commissioners – Part-Time Deputy Chief Inspector – Compensation

FOR the purpose of increasing the annual salary of a part-time deputy chief inspector employed by the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages and the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 11–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 11–206
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

11–102.

This title applies only in Anne Arundel County.

11–206.

(a) (1) The Board may employ:

(i) one part-time deputy chief inspector at an annual salary of
~~[\$9,000]~~ **\$18,000**; and

(ii) 18 part-time inspectors at an annual salary of \$7,000 each.

(2) Each inspector shall receive a monthly expense allowance of \$300,
 subject to the approval of the Executive Director.

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- (b) An inspector:
 - (1) has all the powers of a peace officer or sheriff in the State arising out of or relating to the enforcement of this article;
 - (2) may serve a summons under § 11–2604 of this title; and
 - (3) may issue a civil citation under § 11–2605 of this title.
- (c) An inspector shall take the oath required by Article I, § 9 of the Maryland Constitution.
- (d) (1) An inspector shall provide a penalty bond of \$2,000 to the Board and the County Council jointly on the condition that the inspector faithfully perform the duties of office.
 - (2) The county shall pay the cost of the bond.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

WES MOORE, Governor

Ch. 816

Chapter 816

(House Bill 409)

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Board of License Commissioners – Part-Time Deputy Chief Inspector – Compensation

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 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 11–102
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 - (2) The county shall pay the cost of the bond.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**SB 571 / HB 99****Class A (Off-Sale) and Class D (Off-Sale) Licenses - Population Ratio Quota**

 **EFFECTIVE DATE:** JULY 1, 2025 AND WILL EXPIRE ON DECEMBER 31, 2028, UNLESS REAUTHORIZED.

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 11-1602.

SUMMARY:

- ▶ An “assessment district” is now defined as a district established by the County and must be shown on the “Tax Assessment Districts, 2005.”
- ▶ Creates mandatory licensing cap in these districts. The Board may not issue a new Class A or Class D off-sale license if the license-to-population ratio in a tax assessment district does or will exceed 1 per 3,500 residents.
- ▶ The ratio quotes does not apply to:
 - » Licenses issued before July 1, 2025 (renewals and transfers),
 - » The 6th assessment district (Annapolis region), or
 - » Class 5 breweries applying for on-site consumption permits.
- ▶ The population of each assessment district is determined using the latest federal census or the county planning and zoning office estimates..
- ▶ Limits geographic transfers of licenses. The Board may not approve the transfer of a Class A or Class D off-sale license:
 - » Outside the assessment district where it was located on July 1, 2025 or
 - » For licenses issued after that date, outside the district of original issuance.

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(Senate Bill 571)

AN ACT concerning

**Anne Arundel County – Class A (Off-Sale) and Class D (Off-Sale) Licenses
– Population Ratio Quota**

FOR the purpose of establishing a population ratio quota for certain Class A (off-sale) and Class D (off-sale) licenses in Anne Arundel County; specifying a certain official map to be used to identify certain tax assessment districts for purposes of the population ratio quota; prohibiting the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County from approving the transfer of certain alcoholic beverages licenses under certain circumstances; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 11–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 11–1602
Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

11–102.

This title applies only in Anne Arundel County.

11–1602.

(a) In this section, “assessment district” means a tax assessment district:

(1) established by the county [through local law]; AND

(2) SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL MAP ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY
COUNCIL TITLED “TAX ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS, 2005”.

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(b) [The] **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE** Board may issue a Class A (off-sale), Class B (off-sale), or Class D (off-sale) license based on its determination of whether the license is necessary to accommodate the public.

(c) [In making its determination,] **IF THE APPLICATION IS FOR A CLASS A (OFF-SALE) OR CLASS D (OFF-SALE) LICENSE,** the Board [may consider whether the establishment for which the license would be issued is in] **MAY NOT ISSUE THE LICENSE IF:**

(1) **THE ESTABLISHMENT FOR WHICH THE LICENSE WOULD BE ISSUED IS LOCATED IN** an assessment district in which the ratio of off-sale licenses per individual [is more than] **EXCEEDS one [per] FOR EVERY ~~4,000~~ 3,500** individuals; or

(2) [an assessment district in which the ratio of off-sale licenses per individual is less than one per 4,000 individuals] **THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE WOULD CAUSE THE RATIO OF OFF-SALE LICENSES PER INDIVIDUAL IN AN ASSESSMENT DISTRICT TO EXCEED ONE FOR EVERY ~~4,000~~ 3,500 INDIVIDUALS.**

(D) **SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY:**

(1) **TO THE TRANSFER OR RENEWAL OF A LICENSE THAT WAS ISSUED ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2025; ~~OR~~**

(2) **IN THE 6TH TAX ASSESSMENT DISTRICT; OR**

(3) **TO AN APPLICATION FOR AN ON-SITE CONSUMPTION PERMIT UNDER § 2-207 OF THIS ARTICLE BY AN APPLICANT THAT HOLDS A CLASS 5 BREWERY LICENSE.**

(E) **THE POPULATION OF EACH ASSESSMENT DISTRICT IS TO BE DETERMINED BY:**

(1) **THE LATEST FEDERAL CENSUS; OR**

(2) **ESTIMATES PREPARED BY THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING.**

(F) **THE BOARD MAY NOT APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF A CLASS A (OFF-SALE) LICENSE OR CLASS D (OFF-SALE) LICENSE:**

(1) **TO A LOCATION OUTSIDE THE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT IN WHICH THE LICENSE WAS LOCATED ON JULY 1, 2025; OR**

(2) IF THE LICENSE WAS NOT IN EXISTENCE AS OF JULY 1, 2025, TO A LOCATION OUTSIDE THE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT IN WHICH THE LICENSE WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and 6 months and, at the end of December 31, 2028, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

WES MOORE, Governor

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Chapter 819

(House Bill 99)

AN ACT concerning

**Anne Arundel County – Class A (Off-Sale) and Class D (Off-Sale) Licenses
– Population Ratio Quota**

FOR the purpose of establishing a population ratio quota for certain Class A (off-sale) and Class D (off-sale) licenses in Anne Arundel County; specifying a certain official map to be used to identify certain tax assessment districts for purposes of the population ratio quota; prohibiting the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County from approving the transfer of certain alcoholic beverages licenses under certain circumstances; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 11–102
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 11–1602
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Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

11–102.

This title applies only in Anne Arundel County.

11–1602.

(a) In this section, “assessment district” means a tax assessment district:

(1) established by the county [through local law]; AND

(2) SHOWN ON THE OFFICIAL MAP ADOPTED BY THE COUNTY
COUNCIL TITLED “TAX ASSESSMENT DISTRICTS, 2005”.

(b) [The] **SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE** Board may issue a Class A (off-sale), Class B (off-sale), or Class D (off-sale) license based on its determination of whether the license is necessary to accommodate the public.

(c) [In making its determination,] **IF THE APPLICATION IS FOR A CLASS A (OFF-SALE) OR CLASS D (OFF-SALE) LICENSE,** the Board [may consider whether the establishment for which the license would be issued is in] **MAY NOT ISSUE THE LICENSE IF:**

(1) **THE ESTABLISHMENT FOR WHICH THE LICENSE WOULD BE ISSUED IS LOCATED IN** an assessment district in which the ratio of off-sale licenses per individual [is more than] **EXCEEDS one [per] FOR EVERY 4,000 ~~3,750~~ 3,500** individuals; or

(2) [an assessment district in which the ratio of off-sale licenses per individual is less than one per 4,000 individuals] **THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE WOULD CAUSE THE RATIO OF OFF-SALE LICENSES PER INDIVIDUAL IN AN ASSESSMENT DISTRICT TO EXCEED ONE FOR EVERY 4,000 ~~3,750~~ 3,500 INDIVIDUALS.**

(d) **SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY:**

(1) **TO THE TRANSFER OR RENEWAL OF A LICENSE THAT WAS ISSUED ON OR BEFORE JULY 1, 2025; ~~OR~~**

(2) **IN THE 6TH TAX ASSESSMENT DISTRICT; OR**

(3) **TO AN APPLICATION FOR AN ON-SITE CONSUMPTION PERMIT UNDER § 2-207 OF THIS ARTICLE BY AN APPLICANT THAT HOLDS A CLASS 5 BREWERY LICENSE.**

(e) **THE POPULATION OF EACH ASSESSMENT DISTRICT IS TO BE DETERMINED BY:**

(1) **THE LATEST FEDERAL CENSUS; OR**

(2) **ESTIMATES PREPARED BY THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY OFFICE OF PLANNING AND ZONING.**

(f) **THE BOARD MAY NOT APPROVE THE TRANSFER OF A CLASS A (OFF-SALE) LICENSE OR CLASS D (OFF-SALE) LICENSE:**

(1) **TO A LOCATION OUTSIDE THE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT IN WHICH THE LICENSE WAS LOCATED ON JULY 1, 2025; OR**

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(2) IF THE LICENSE WAS NOT IN EXISTENCE AS OF JULY 1, 2025, TO A LOCATION OUTSIDE THE ASSESSMENT DISTRICT IN WHICH THE LICENSE WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and 6 months and, at the end of December 31, 2028, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY

SB 888 / HB 1259

License and Permit Distance Requirements

 JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Sections 11-1102(d) and 11-1603

SUMMARY:

- ▶ Creates a new exception to the 1,000 foot place of worship or school distance requirements for licenses.
- ▶ Allows the Board to issue a dancing permit to a Class H licensee if the premises is within 1,000 feet, measured in a straight line from entry to entry, of a school at the Annapolis Mall.
- ▶ Allows the Board to issue Class B beer and wine (on-sale) or Class B beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) licenses near a school at the Annapolis Mall.

WES MOORE, Governor

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(Senate Bill 888)

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – License and Permit Distance Requirements

FOR the purpose of authorizing, rather than prohibiting, the Board of Liquor Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to issue a certain dancing permit to the holder of a Class H beer and wine (on-sale) license or Class H beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) license for a licensed premises located within a certain distance of a certain school; and authorizing, rather than prohibiting, the Board from issuing a new Class B beer and wine (on-sale) license or Class B beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) license if the establishment is located within a certain distance of a certain school; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 11-102
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 11-1102(d) and 11-1603
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

11-102.

This title applies only in Anne Arundel County.

11-1102.

- (d) (1) There is a dancing permit.
- (2) The Board may issue the permit to a holder of:
 - (i) a Class B license;

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BLX license;

(ii) except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, a Class

(iii) a Class C license;

(iv) a Class D license; or

license.

(v) except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, a Class H

(3) The permit authorizes the holder to provide music, dancing, and other legal forms of entertainment.

(4) **(I)** The Board may not issue the permit to a holder of a Class BLX license or a Class H license if the premises for which the Class BLX license or Class H license is issued is within 1,000 feet in a straight line from entry to entry from a place of worship or school.

(II) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT TO THE HOLDER OF A CLASS H LICENSE IF THE LICENSED PREMISES IS LOCATED WITHIN 1,000 FEET IN A STRAIGHT LINE FROM ENTRY TO ENTRY FROM A SCHOOL LOCATED AT THE ANNAPOLIS MALL.

(5) The annual permit fees are:

(i) \$200 for a holder of a beer and wine license;

(ii) \$400 for a holder of a beer, wine, and liquor license; and

(iii) no charge for a holder of a Class C license.

11-1603.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Board may not issue a new license for an establishment whose entry is within 1,000 feet in a straight line from the entry of a place of worship or school.

(b) The prohibition against issuing a license in subsection (a) of this section does not apply to:

(1) the transfer of a license from the current license holder to a new license holder, unless the transfer would allow the sale of alcoholic beverages by another establishment within the 1,000-foot restriction;

(2) a nonprofit club or nonprofit organization;

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(3) a restaurant that held a license at the time the restaurant was destroyed by fire, flood, windstorm, or other act of God, if a new place of worship or school has not been constructed within the 1,000-foot restriction;

(4) the issuance of a Class H beer and wine (on-sale) license or beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) license;

(5) the issuance of a motel-restaurant complex or hotel-restaurant complex beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) license;

(6) the issuance of a Class BLX (deluxe restaurant) (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license; [or]

(7) the issuance of a gift basket permit; **OR**

(8) THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS B BEER AND WINE (ON-SALE) LICENSE OR CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR (ON-SALE) LICENSE FOR AN ESTABLISHMENT LOCATED WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF A SCHOOL LOCATED AT THE ANNAPOLIS MALL.

(c) For an establishment that is within 1,000 feet of the grounds of a place of worship or school, the Board:

(1) may renew a license;

(2) may extend the area of the licensed premises; but

(3) may not change the operational classification of an existing license, unless the change is from a Class B, Class C, or Class D license to a Class H license.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

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(House Bill 1259)

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – License and Permit Distance Requirements

FOR the purpose of authorizing, rather than prohibiting, the Board of Liquor Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to issue a certain dancing permit to the holder of a Class H beer and wine (on-sale) license or Class H beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) license for a licensed premises located within a certain distance of a certain school; and authorizing, rather than prohibiting, the Board from issuing a new Class B beer and wine (on-sale) license or Class B beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) license if the establishment is located within a certain distance of a certain school; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 11–102
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 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 11–1102(d) and 11–1603
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
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Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

11–102.

This title applies only in Anne Arundel County.

11–1102.

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- (2) The Board may issue the permit to a holder of:
 - (i) a Class B license;

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BLX license;

- (ii) except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, a Class
- (iii) a Class C license;
- (iv) a Class D license; or
- (v) except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, a Class H license.

(3) The permit authorizes the holder to provide music, dancing, and other legal forms of entertainment.

(4) **(I)** The Board may not issue the permit to a holder of a Class BLX license or a Class H license if the premises for which the Class BLX license or Class H license is issued is within 1,000 feet in a straight line from entry to entry from a place of worship or school.

(II) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT TO THE HOLDER OF A CLASS H LICENSE IF THE LICENSED PREMISES IS LOCATED WITHIN 1,000 FEET IN A STRAIGHT LINE FROM ENTRY TO ENTRY FROM A SCHOOL LOCATED AT THE ANNAPOLIS MALL.

(5) The annual permit fees are:

- (i) \$200 for a holder of a beer and wine license;
- (ii) \$400 for a holder of a beer, wine, and liquor license; and
- (iii) no charge for a holder of a Class C license.

11-1603.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Board may not issue a new license for an establishment whose entry is within 1,000 feet in a straight line from the entry of a place of worship or school.

(b) The prohibition against issuing a license in subsection (a) of this section does not apply to:

(1) the transfer of a license from the current license holder to a new license holder, unless the transfer would allow the sale of alcoholic beverages by another establishment within the 1,000-foot restriction;

(2) a nonprofit club or nonprofit organization;

(3) a restaurant that held a license at the time the restaurant was destroyed by fire, flood, windstorm, or other act of God, if a new place of worship or school has not been constructed within the 1,000-foot restriction;

(4) the issuance of a Class H beer and wine (on-sale) license or beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) license;

(5) the issuance of a motel-restaurant complex or hotel-restaurant complex beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) license;

(6) the issuance of a Class BLX (deluxe restaurant) (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license; [or]

(7) the issuance of a gift basket permit; **OR**

(8) THE ISSUANCE OF A CLASS B BEER AND WINE (ON-SALE) LICENSE OR CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR (ON-SALE) LICENSE FOR AN ESTABLISHMENT LOCATED WITHIN 1,000 FEET OF A SCHOOL LOCATED AT THE ANNAPOLIS MALL.

(c) For an establishment that is within 1,000 feet of the grounds of a place of worship or school, the Board:

(1) may renew a license;

(2) may extend the area of the licensed premises; but

(3) may not change the operational classification of an existing license, unless the change is from a Class B, Class C, or Class D license to a Class H license.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**HB 571****Class C Licenses - Events**

 July 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Sections 11-903, 11-1006, 11-1009

SUMMARY: This bill clarifies that each type of permanent Class C license in Anne Arundel County are limited to allow service of alcohol to members of the licensed organization and guests of a member.

However, under the bill permanent Class C license holders may host events on their premises for other groups holding their own per diem licenses, and the permanent Class C host can sell to event attendees.

Class C Beer, Wine, and Liquor (BWL) license

- ▶ Authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption at a club, including:
 - » During events held on the licensed premises, and
 - » To club members or their guests.
- ▶ If the Club hosts an event for an outside group, that outside group must obtain its own Class C Per Diem Beer, Wine, and Liquor License.

Class C (fraternal/sororal) Organization license

- ▶ A Class C (fraternal/sororal) Organization license holder was already limited to member service, but the holder is now also authorized to sell to other groups by hosting events.
- ▶ If the Organization hosts an event for an outside group, that outside group must obtain its own Class C Per Diem Beer, Wine, and Liquor License.

Class C (Veterans' Organization) license

- ▶ Authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption at the licensed location, including:
 - » During events held on the premises, and
 - » To a member of the veterans' organization or the member's guest
- ▶ If the Organization hosts an event for an outside group, that outside group must obtain its own Class C Per Diem Beer, Wine, and Liquor License.

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(House Bill 571)

AN ACT concerning

**Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class C ~~(Veterans’ Organization)~~
~~License – Event Permit~~ Licenses – Events**

FOR the purpose of ~~establishing an event permit in Anne Arundel County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to issue an event permit only to a holder of a Class C (veterans’ organization) license; authorizing the permit~~ a holder of certain Class C licenses in Anne Arundel County to sell beer, wine, and liquor to certain individuals for on-premises consumption during events held at the licensed premises; requiring an outside group to obtain a per diem license from the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County if the outside group holds an event hosted by the holder of a certain Class C license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Anne Arundel County.

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 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 11–102
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 11–903, 11–1006, and 11–1009
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

11–102.

This title applies only in Anne Arundel County.

11–903.

(a) There is a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license.

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(b) (1) [The] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail, at a club at the place described in the license, for on-premises consumption, INCLUDING:

(I) DURING AN EVENT HELD ON THE LICENSED PREMISES; AND

(II) TO A MEMBER OF THE CLUB OR A GUEST OF THE MEMBER.

(2) IF THE LICENSE HOLDER HOSTS AN EVENT FOR AN OUTSIDE GROUP, THE OUTSIDE GROUP SHALL OBTAIN A CLASS C PER DIEM BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE FROM THE BOARD.

(c) The annual license fee is \$480.

11-1006.

(a) There is a Class C (fraternal/sororal) organization license.

(b) The Board may issue the license for use by a local unit of a lodge, political organization, or chapter of a nonprofit and nationwide fraternal or service organization that:

(1) is composed only of inducted members;

(2) was operating in the county before the license application was made;

(3) has a membership of at least 100 individuals and dues of at least \$5 per year per individual; and

(4) owns and operates a home or clubhouse that is principally for the use of its members and guests when accompanied by members.

(c) (1) [The] SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail for on-premises consumption, INCLUDING DURING AN EVENT HELD ON THE LICENSED PREMISES, to:

[(1)] (I) a member of the local unit for which the license was issued; or

[(2)] (II) a member's guest when accompanied by the member.

(2) IF THE LICENSE HOLDER HOSTS AN EVENT FOR AN OUTSIDE GROUP, THE OUTSIDE GROUP SHALL OBTAIN A CLASS C PER DIEM BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE FROM THE BOARD.

(d) The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours and days as set out for a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license under § 11–2004 of this title.

(e) The annual license fee is \$400.

11–1009.

(a) There is a Class C (veterans' organization) license.

(b) The Board shall issue the license for use by a local unit of a nationwide nonprofit organization or club that:

(1) is composed only of members who served in the armed forces of the United States in a war in which the United States has been engaged;

(2) has a charter from a national veterans' organization that was granted before the application for the license was made;

(3) has a bona fide membership of at least 100 individuals and dues of at least \$5 per year per individual; and

(4) operates for its members and meets in a clubhouse principally used for its members.

(c) (1) ~~The~~ SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license for on–premises consumption, INCLUDING:

(I) DURING AN EVENT HELD ON THE LICENSED PREMISES; AND

(II) TO A MEMBER OF THE VETERANS' ORGANIZATION OR A GUEST OF THE MEMBER.

(2) IF THE LICENSE HOLDER HOSTS AN EVENT FOR AN OUTSIDE GROUP, THE OUTSIDE GROUP SHALL OBTAIN A CLASS C PER DIEM BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE FROM THE BOARD.

(d) The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours and days as set out for a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license under § 11–2004 of this title.

(e) The annual license fee is \$400.

~~(f) (1) THERE IS AN EVENT PERMIT.~~

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~~(2) (i) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT ONLY TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS C (VETERANS' ORGANIZATION) LICENSE ESTABLISHED UNDER THIS SECTION.~~

~~(ii) AN APPLICANT FOR THE PERMIT SHALL COMPLETE THE FORM THAT THE BOARD PROVIDES.~~

~~(3) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER OF A CLASS C (VETERANS' ORGANIZATION) LICENSE TO SELL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES THAT ARE ALLOWED UNDER THE LICENSE.~~

~~(i) DURING AN EVENT HELD ON THE LICENSED PREMISES;~~

~~(ii) TO AN INDIVIDUAL ATTENDING THE EVENT, INCLUDING AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE VETERANS' ORGANIZATION; AND~~

~~(iii) FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.~~

~~(4) THE ANNUAL PERMIT FEE IS \$100.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**HB 1281****Limited Special Event Permit** EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025**STATUTES AFFECTED:** Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 11-1102**SUMMARY:**

- ▶ Establishes a Limited Special Event Permit that the Board may issue, at its discretion, to a holder of a:
 - » Class B license,
 - » Class BXL license,
 - » Class C license,
 - » Class D license, or
 - » A Class H license.
- ▶ Authorizes the permit holder to provide music, dancing, and other legal forms of entertainment.
- ▶ Prohibits the Board from issuing the permit to a Class BLX or Class H license holder if the licensed premises are within 1,000 feet of a place of worship or school, measured entry to entry in a straight line.
- ▶ Before issuing a permit, the Board may require the license holder to provide details about the planned event.

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(House Bill 1281)

AN ACT concerning

Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages – Limited ~~Cultural~~ Special Event Permit

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to issue a limited ~~cultural~~ special event permit to holders of certain alcoholic beverages licenses; authorizing a permit holder to provide ~~cultural~~ music, ~~cultural~~ dancing, and other legal forms of ~~cultural~~ entertainment ~~on a specific date stated in the permit application~~; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Anne Arundel County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 11–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 11–1102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

11–102.

This title applies only in Anne Arundel County.

11–1102.

(a) (1) On the premises, or on adjacent property over which a license holder has ownership or control, a license holder:

(i) may allow piped-in background music or one television screen;
 but

(ii) unless issued a permit described in this section that authorizes the activity, may not allow:

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1. the playing of music, including live music;

2. the operation of a karaoke machine;

3. the playing of music by a disc jockey; or

4. dancing, floor shows, or any other similar type of entertainment.

(2) The Board may issue a permit described in this section only if the Board finds that:

(i) the applicant can control the individuals using the licensed premises;

(ii) the operation of the premises under the permit will not unduly disturb the peace of the residents of the neighborhood in which the place of business is located; and

(iii) the issuing of the permit:

1. is necessary to accommodate the public;

2. will not be detrimental to the public welfare; and

3. will not violate a county fire, health, or building regulation.

(b) (1) There is a music permit.

(2) The Board may issue the permit to a holder of a Class B license, a Class BLX license, a Class D license, or a Class H license.

(3) The permit authorizes the playing of recorded music or live music with not more than two musicians.

(4) The permit holder may not allow dancing, floor shows, or similar live entertainment.

(5) The annual permit fee is \$100.

(c) (1) There is an entertainment permit.

(2) The Board may issue the permit to a holder of a Class B license, a Class BLX license, a Class D license, or a Class H license.

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- (3) The permit authorizes:
 - (i) live music with not more than four musicians; and
 - (ii) the playing of:
 - 1. more than one television;
 - 2. a karaoke machine; and
 - 3. music by a disc jockey.
- (4) The permit holder may not allow dancing, floor shows, or similar live entertainment.
- (5) The annual permit fees are:
 - (i) \$200 for a holder of a beer and wine license; and
 - (ii) \$300 for a holder of a beer, wine, and liquor license.
- (d) (1) There is a dancing permit.
- (2) The Board may issue the permit to a holder of:
 - (i) a Class B license;
 - (ii) except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, a Class BLX license;
 - (iii) a Class C license;
 - (iv) a Class D license; or
 - (v) except as provided in paragraph (4) of this subsection, a Class H license.
- (3) The permit authorizes the holder to provide music, dancing, and other legal forms of entertainment.
- (4) The Board may not issue the permit to a holder of a Class BLX license or a Class H license if the premises for which the Class BLX license or Class H license is issued is within 1,000 feet in a straight line from entry to entry from a place of worship or school.

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(5) The annual permit fees are:

- (i) \$200 for a holder of a beer and wine license;
- (ii) \$400 for a holder of a beer, wine, and liquor license; and
- (iii) no charge for a holder of a Class C license.

(E) (1) THERE IS A LIMITED ~~CULTURAL~~ SPECIAL EVENT PERMIT.

(2) THE BOARD, IN ITS SOLE DISCRETION, MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT TO A HOLDER OF:

(I) A CLASS B LICENSE;

(II) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A CLASS BLX LICENSE;

(III) A CLASS C LICENSE;

(IV) A CLASS D LICENSE; OR

(V) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A CLASS H LICENSE.

(3) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO PROVIDE ~~CULTURAL~~ MUSIC, ~~CULTURAL~~ DANCING, AND OTHER LEGAL FORMS OF ~~CULTURAL~~ ENTERTAINMENT ~~FOR 1 DAY ON A SPECIFIC DATE STATED IN THE PERMIT APPLICATION.~~

(4) THE BOARD MAY NOT ISSUE THE PERMIT TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS BLX LICENSE OR A CLASS H LICENSE IF THE PREMISES FOR WHICH THE CLASS BLX LICENSE OR CLASS H LICENSE IS ISSUED IS WITHIN 1,000 FEET IN A STRAIGHT LINE FROM ENTRY TO ENTRY FROM A PLACE OF WORSHIP OR SCHOOL.

(5) BEFORE ISSUING A PERMIT, THE BOARD MAY REQUIRE A LICENSE HOLDER TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE PLANNED ~~CULTURAL~~ EVENT FOR WHICH THE PERMIT IS REQUESTED, ~~INCLUDING:~~

~~(I) THE DATE OF THE EVENT; AND~~

~~(II) THE TYPE OF CULTURAL ENTERTAINMENT PLANNED;~~

~~(6) THE PERMIT FEES FOR EACH CULTURAL EVENT ARE;~~

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- ~~(I) \$15 PER DAY FOR A HOLDER OF A BEER AND WINE LICENSE;~~
- ~~(II) \$25 PER DAY FOR A HOLDER OF A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE; AND~~
- ~~(III) NO CHARGE FOR A HOLDER OF A CLASS C LICENSE.~~

[(e)] (F) (1) There is an outdoor permit.

(2) The Board may issue the permit to a holder of a Class B license, a Class BLX license, a Class C license, a Class D license, or a Class H license.

(3) The permit authorizes the holder to provide outdoor table service to customers on the grounds of the licensed establishment.

(4) The annual permit fee is \$100.

(5) Before the permit may be renewed, a holder shall obtain approval from the Board.

[(f)] (G) (1) There is an outdoor entertainment permit.

(2) The Board may issue the permit to a holder of a Class B license, a Class BLX license, a Class C license, a Class D license, or a Class H license who also holds a music permit, an entertainment permit, or a dancing permit under this section.

(3) The permit authorizes the holder to provide:

(i) the same form of entertainment outdoors that the holder is allowed to provide indoors under the holder's music permit, entertainment permit, or dancing permit; and

(ii) outdoor table service or cafe service.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.





ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

BALTIMORE CITY

SB 284

Hours of Operation Violations - Civil Penalties

 JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 12-2802(f)

SUMMARY: If a Baltimore City alcoholic beverages license holder operates outside permitted hours without an exemption for Class B restaurants and hotels, Class D BWL restaurant licenses, or pharmacies in the 46th district, the Board shall:

- ▶ Impose a fine of at least \$1,000, suspend the license, or both for a first offense, and
- ▶ Impose a fine between \$2,000 and \$20,000, suspend the license, or both for subsequent offenses.

Chapter 826

(Senate Bill 284)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Hours of Operation Violations – Civil Penalties

FOR the purpose of establishing civil penalties for the offense by a holder of an alcoholic beverages license in Baltimore City of operating the licensed premises outside specified hours of operation without obtaining a certain exemption; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 12–102 and 12–2007
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 12–2802(f)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

12–102.

This title applies only in Baltimore City.

12–2007.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, a licensed premises shall end all operations, including the serving of alcoholic beverages and food and providing entertainment, at the closing hour for that class of licensed premises specified in this title.

(b) (1) The Board may grant an exemption for remaining open after hours to:

(i) a holder of a Class B restaurant license, only for serving food to patrons seated for dining;

(ii) a pharmacy that fills prescriptions; or

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(iii) a holder of a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license that operates a restaurant, if:

1. it is used only for serving food to patrons seated in a dining room that is not adjacent to a bar; and

2. the restaurant is located in the 46th legislative district in the Legislative Districting Plan of 2022.

(2) A pharmacy that receives an exemption under paragraph (1) of this subsection may also sell products other than alcohol after normal closing hours.

(3) A hotel that holds a Class B license and that serves food to seated customers or for private functions or guest rooms may continue to provide food service.

(4) The Board may waive the requirement in paragraph (1)(iii)1 of this subsection that a dining room not be adjacent to a bar.

12-2802.

(F) FOR THE OFFENSE BY A HOLDER OF AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE OF OPERATING THE LICENSED PREMISES OUTSIDE THE HOURS OF OPERATION SPECIFIED IN THIS TITLE WITHOUT FIRST OBTAINING AN EXEMPTION UNDER § 12-2007 OF THIS TITLE, THE BOARD SHALL:

(1) FOR A FIRST OFFENSE, IMPOSE A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN \$1,000 OR SUSPEND THE LICENSE OR BOTH; AND

(2) FOR A SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, IMPOSE A FINE OF NOT LESS THAN \$2,000 AND NOT MORE THAN \$20,000 OR SUSPEND THE LICENSE OR BOTH.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

BALTIMORE CITY**SB 304/HB 472****45th Alcoholic Beverages District - Licenses**

📅 JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Sections 12-603(a), (b), (c)(2), (17), (18), and (19), 12-2004(a) and (c), 12-2005(c)

SUMMARY:

- ▶ A Class C Beer, Wine, and Liquor license may be issued in the 400 block of East Oliver St only if:
 - The applicant does not convert the license to a different license class,
 - Alcoholic beverages are served outdoors only to patrons seated at tables or standing in a courtyard area,
 - The applicant does not allow the off-premises sale of alcoholic beverages,
 - Alcoholic beverage sales begin no earlier than 10 am, and
 - The applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the Greenmount West Community Association.
- ▶ Sets alcohol sales hours from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. for Class A and B-D-7 licensees in the Frankford neighborhood.
- ▶ In the Frankford neighborhood licensees (other than certain Class B, Class B-D-7, and Class C license holders) are also prohibited from extending their hours before 9 am or past 10 pm.

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(Senate Bill 304)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – 45th Alcoholic Beverages District – Licenses

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in a certain area of the 45th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City under certain circumstances; altering a geographic boundary in the 45th district within which the holder of a Class A or Class B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor license must operate in accordance with specified hours; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 12–102 and 12–1603(a) and (b)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 12–1603(c)(2), (17), and (18), 12–2004(a) and (c), and 12–2005(c)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 12–1603(c)(19)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

12–102.

This title applies only in Baltimore City.

12–1603.

(a) The alcoholic beverages districts described in this section at all times are coterminous with the legislative districts in the Legislative Districting Plan of 2022.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the Board may not issue a new license in:

- (1) the 40th alcoholic beverages district;
- (2) the 41st alcoholic beverages district;
- (3) the 43rd alcoholic beverages district;
- (4) the 44th alcoholic beverages district; and
- (5) the 45th alcoholic beverages district.

(c) The Board may issue:

(2) **SUBJECT TO ITEM (19) OF THIS SUBSECTION**, a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in the 45th alcoholic beverages district;

(17) a Class A–7 beer, wine, and liquor license in the 1200 block of West North Avenue in the 40th alcoholic beverages district, if:

(i) the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the Penn North Community Association;

(ii) alcoholic beverages are sold only as part of a gift basket or floral arrangement; and

(iii) the applicant does not hold or apply for a Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor (on–premises) tasting license; [and]

(18) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license for a restaurant on the even side of the 400 block of West 29th Street in the 40th alcoholic beverages district if:

(i) the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the Greater Remington Improvement Association; and

(ii) the Board waives a minimum seating requirement under item (1)(ii)2 of this subsection; **AND**

(19) A CLASS C BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE IN THE 400 BLOCK OF EAST OLIVER STREET IN THE 45TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT, ONLY IF:

(I) THE APPLICANT DOES NOT CONVERT THE LICENSE TO A DIFFERENT LICENSE CLASS;

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(II) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SERVED OUTDOORS ONLY TO PATRONS SEATED AT TABLES OR STANDING IN A COURTYARD AREA;

(III) THE APPLICANT DOES NOT ALLOW THE OFF-PREMISES SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES;

(IV) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SALES BEGIN NOT EARLIER THAN 10 A.M.; AND

(V) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GREENMOUNT WEST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION.

12–2004.

(a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, a holder of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license may sell beer, wine, and liquor:

(i) on Monday through Saturday:

1. from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the area specified in the Park Heights Master Plan adopted by the City in 2006; [and]

2. **FROM 9 A.M. TO 10 P.M. IN AN AREA BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE INTERSECTION OF BELAIR ROAD AND ANNTANA AVENUE, SOUTHWEST ON BELAIR ROAD TO THE INTERSECTION OF BELAIR ROAD AND FRANKFORD AVENUE, SOUTHEAST ON FRANKFORD AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF FRANKFORD AVENUE AND SIPPLE AVENUE, WEST ON SIPPLE AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF SIPPLE AVENUE AND CRENSHAW AVENUE, SOUTHEAST ON CRENSHAW AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF CRENSHAW AVENUE AND GOODNOW ROAD, SOUTHEAST ON GOODNOW ROAD TO THE INTERSECTION OF GOODNOW ROAD AND SINCLAIR LANE, NORTHEAST ON SINCLAIR LANE TO THE INTERSECTION OF SINCLAIR LANE AND RADECKE AVENUE, WEST ON RADECKE AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF RADECKE AVENUE AND ANNTANA AVENUE, THEN NORTH ON ANNTANA AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF ANNTANA AVENUE AND BELAIR ROAD; AND**

3. from 6 a.m. to midnight in all other locations in the City; and

(ii) on the Sundays that fall between Thanksgiving Day and New Year's Day, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., if, on or before September 30 of that year, the license holder has paid a supplementary license fee of \$120 for each Sunday the privilege is to be exercised.

(2) In addition to the privileges specified under paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection, the license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor for off-premises consumption on two additional Sundays during the calendar year if the holder pays a license fee of \$120 at least 2 weeks before each time the privilege is exercised.

(c) A holder of a Class B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor license may sell beer, wine, and liquor:

(1) from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the area bounded by Liberty Heights Avenue, Northern Parkway, Druid Park Drive, and Wabash Avenue;

(2) from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. along the south side of Frederick Avenue between South Augusta Avenue and South Loudon Avenue;

(3) from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the area specified in the Park Heights Master Plan adopted by the City in 2006; [and]

(4) from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in an area bounded as follows: from the intersection of East North Avenue and Harford Avenue, southwest on Harford Avenue to the intersection of Harford Avenue and North Central Avenue, south on North Central Avenue to the intersection with East Monument Street, east on East Monument Street to the intersection of East Monument Street and North Wolfe Street, south on North Wolfe Street to the intersection of North Wolfe Street and McElderry Street, east on McElderry Street to the intersection of McElderry Street and North Collington Avenue, south on North Collington Avenue to the intersection of North Collington Avenue and East Fayette Street, east on East Fayette Street to the intersection of East Fayette Street and North Lakewood Avenue, north on North Lakewood Avenue to the intersection of North Lakewood Avenue and East Monument Street, west on East Monument Street to the intersection of East Monument Street and North Luzerne Avenue, north on North Luzerne Avenue to the intersection of North Luzerne Avenue and East Federal Street, west on East Federal Street to the intersection of East Federal Street and North Rose Street, north on North Rose Street to the intersection of North Rose Street and East North Avenue, then west on East North Avenue to the intersection of East North Avenue and Harford Avenue; [and]

(5) **FROM 9 A.M. TO 10 P.M. IN AN AREA BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE INTERSECTION OF BELAIR ROAD AND ANNTANA AVENUE, SOUTHWEST ON BELAIR ROAD TO THE INTERSECTION OF BELAIR ROAD AND FRANKFORD AVENUE, SOUTHEAST ON FRANKFORD AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF FRANKFORD AVENUE AND SIPPLE AVENUE, WEST ON SIPPLE AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF SIPPLE AVENUE AND CRENSHAW AVENUE, SOUTHEAST ON CRENSHAW AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF CRENSHAW AVENUE AND GOODNOW ROAD, SOUTHEAST ON GOODNOW ROAD TO THE INTERSECTION OF GOODNOW ROAD AND SINCLAIR LANE, NORTHEAST ON SINCLAIR LANE TO THE INTERSECTION OF SINCLAIR LANE AND RADECKE AVENUE, WEST ON RADECKE AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF**

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RADECKE AVENUE AND ANNTANA AVENUE, THEN NORTH ON ANNTANA AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF ANNTANA AVENUE AND BELAIR ROAD; AND

- (6) from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day in all other locations in the City.

12–2005.

- (c) (1) This subsection does not apply to:

- (i) a Class B beer and light wine license;
- (ii) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license;
- (iii) a Class B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor license;
- (iv) a Class C beer and light wine license; and
- (v) a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license.

- (2) For a license holder in an area bounded by Liberty Heights Avenue, Northern Parkway, Druid Park Drive, and Wabash Avenue, the hours of sale:

- (i) may not begin before 9 a.m. or end after 10 p.m.; and
- (ii) may not be extended if they begin later than 9 a.m. or end before 10 p.m.

- (3) For a license holder in an area bounded as follows: from the intersection of East North Avenue and Harford Avenue, southwest on Harford Avenue to the intersection of Harford Avenue and North Central Avenue, south on North Central Avenue to the intersection with East Monument Street, east on East Monument Street to the intersection of East Monument Street and North Wolfe Street, south on North Wolfe Street to the intersection of North Wolfe Street and McElderry Street, east on McElderry Street to the intersection of McElderry Street and North Collington Avenue, south on North Collington Avenue to the intersection of North Collington Avenue and East Fayette Street, east on East Fayette Street to the intersection of East Fayette Street and North Lakewood Avenue, north on North Lakewood Avenue to the intersection of North Lakewood Avenue and East Monument Street, west on East Monument Street to the intersection of East Monument Street and North Luzerne Avenue, north on North Luzerne Avenue to the intersection of North Luzerne Avenue and East Federal Street, west on East Federal Street to the intersection of East Federal Street and North Rose Street, north on North Rose Street to the intersection of North Rose Street and East North Avenue, then west on East North Avenue to the intersection of East North Avenue and Harford Avenue, the hours of sale:

- (i) may not begin before 9 a.m. or end after 10 p.m.; and

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(ii) may not be extended if they begin later than 9 a.m. or end before 10 p.m.

(4) FOR A LICENSE HOLDER IN AN AREA BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE INTERSECTION OF BELAIR ROAD AND ANNTANA AVENUE, SOUTHWEST ON BELAIR ROAD TO THE INTERSECTION OF BELAIR ROAD AND FRANKFORD AVENUE, SOUTHEAST ON FRANKFORD AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF FRANKFORD AVENUE AND SIPPLE AVENUE, WEST ON SIPPLE AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF SIPPLE AVENUE AND CRENSHAW AVENUE, SOUTHEAST ON CRENSHAW AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF CRENSHAW AVENUE AND GOODNOW ROAD, SOUTHEAST ON GOODNOW ROAD TO THE INTERSECTION OF GOODNOW ROAD AND SINCLAIR LANE, NORTHEAST ON SINCLAIR LANE TO THE INTERSECTION OF SINCLAIR LANE AND RADECKE AVENUE, WEST ON RADECKE AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF RADECKE AVENUE AND ANNTANA AVENUE, THEN NORTH ON ANNTANA AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF ANNTANA AVENUE AND BELAIR ROAD, THE HOURS OF SALE:

(I) MAY NOT BEGIN BEFORE 9 A.M. OR END AFTER 10 P.M.; AND

(II) MAY NOT BE EXTENDED IF THEY BEGIN LATER THAN 9 A.M. OR END BEFORE 10 P.M.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

WES MOORE, Governor

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Chapter 807

(House Bill 472)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – 45th Alcoholic Beverages District – Licenses

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in a certain area of the 45th alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City under certain circumstances; altering a geographic boundary in the 45th district within which the holder of a Class A or Class B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor license must operate in accordance with specified hours; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 12–102 and 12–1603(a) and (b)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 12–1603(c)(2), (17), and (18), 12–2004(a) and (c), and 12–2005(c)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY adding to
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 12–1603(c)(19)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

12–102.

This title applies only in Baltimore City.

12–1603.

(a) The alcoholic beverages districts described in this section at all times are coterminous with the legislative districts in the Legislative Districting Plan of 2022.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the Board may not issue a new license in:

- (1) the 40th alcoholic beverages district;
- (2) the 41st alcoholic beverages district;
- (3) the 43rd alcoholic beverages district;
- (4) the 44th alcoholic beverages district; and
- (5) the 45th alcoholic beverages district.

(c) The Board may issue:

(2) **SUBJECT TO ITEM (19) OF THIS SUBSECTION**, a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license in the 45th alcoholic beverages district;

(17) a Class A–7 beer, wine, and liquor license in the 1200 block of West North Avenue in the 40th alcoholic beverages district, if:

(i) the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the Penn North Community Association;

(ii) alcoholic beverages are sold only as part of a gift basket or floral arrangement; and

(iii) the applicant does not hold or apply for a Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor (on–premises) tasting license; **[and]**

(18) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license for a restaurant on the even side of the 400 block of West 29th Street in the 40th alcoholic beverages district if:

(i) the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the Greater Remington Improvement Association; and

(ii) the Board waives a minimum seating requirement under item (1)(ii)2 of this subsection; **AND**

(19) A CLASS C BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE IN THE 400 BLOCK OF EAST OLIVER STREET IN THE 45TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT, ONLY IF:

(I) THE APPLICANT DOES NOT CONVERT THE LICENSE TO A DIFFERENT LICENSE CLASS;

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(II) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SERVED OUTDOORS ONLY TO PATRONS SEATED AT TABLES OR STANDING IN A COURTYARD AREA;

(III) THE APPLICANT DOES NOT ALLOW THE OFF-PREMISES SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES;

(IV) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SALES BEGIN NOT EARLIER THAN 10 A.M.; AND

(V) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GREENMOUNT WEST COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION.

12–2004.

(a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in this subtitle, a holder of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license may sell beer, wine, and liquor:

(i) on Monday through Saturday:

1. from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the area specified in the Park Heights Master Plan adopted by the City in 2006; [and]

2. **FROM 9 A.M. TO 10 P.M. IN AN AREA BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE INTERSECTION OF BELAIR ROAD AND ANNTANA AVENUE, SOUTHWEST ON BELAIR ROAD TO THE INTERSECTION OF BELAIR ROAD AND FRANKFORD AVENUE, SOUTHEAST ON FRANKFORD AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF FRANKFORD AVENUE AND SIPPLE AVENUE, WEST ON SIPPLE AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF SIPPLE AVENUE AND CRENSHAW AVENUE, SOUTHEAST ON CRENSHAW AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF CRENSHAW AVENUE AND GOODNOW ROAD, SOUTHEAST ON GOODNOW ROAD TO THE INTERSECTION OF GOODNOW ROAD AND SINCLAIR LANE, NORTHEAST ON SINCLAIR LANE TO THE INTERSECTION OF SINCLAIR LANE AND RADECKE AVENUE, WEST ON RADECKE AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF RADECKE AVENUE AND ANNTANA AVENUE, THEN NORTH ON ANNTANA AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF ANNTANA AVENUE AND BELAIR ROAD; AND**

3. from 6 a.m. to midnight in all other locations in the City; and

(ii) on the Sundays that fall between Thanksgiving Day and New Year's Day, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m., if, on or before September 30 of that year, the license holder has paid a supplementary license fee of \$120 for each Sunday the privilege is to be exercised.

(2) In addition to the privileges specified under paragraph (1)(ii) of this subsection, the license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor for off-premises consumption on two additional Sundays during the calendar year if the holder pays a license fee of \$120 at least 2 weeks before each time the privilege is exercised.

(c) A holder of a Class B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor license may sell beer, wine, and liquor:

(1) from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the area bounded by Liberty Heights Avenue, Northern Parkway, Druid Park Drive, and Wabash Avenue;

(2) from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. along the south side of Frederick Avenue between South Augusta Avenue and South Loudon Avenue;

(3) from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in the area specified in the Park Heights Master Plan adopted by the City in 2006; [and]

(4) from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. in an area bounded as follows: from the intersection of East North Avenue and Harford Avenue, southwest on Harford Avenue to the intersection of Harford Avenue and North Central Avenue, south on North Central Avenue to the intersection with East Monument Street, east on East Monument Street to the intersection of East Monument Street and North Wolfe Street, south on North Wolfe Street to the intersection of North Wolfe Street and McElderry Street, east on McElderry Street to the intersection of McElderry Street and North Collington Avenue, south on North Collington Avenue to the intersection of North Collington Avenue and East Fayette Street, east on East Fayette Street to the intersection of East Fayette Street and North Lakewood Avenue, north on North Lakewood Avenue to the intersection of North Lakewood Avenue and East Monument Street, west on East Monument Street to the intersection of East Monument Street and North Luzerne Avenue, north on North Luzerne Avenue to the intersection of North Luzerne Avenue and East Federal Street, west on East Federal Street to the intersection of East Federal Street and North Rose Street, north on North Rose Street to the intersection of North Rose Street and East North Avenue, then west on East North Avenue to the intersection of East North Avenue and Harford Avenue; [and]

(5) **FROM 9 A.M. TO 10 P.M. IN AN AREA BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE INTERSECTION OF BELAIR ROAD AND ANNTANA AVENUE, SOUTHWEST ON BELAIR ROAD TO THE INTERSECTION OF BELAIR ROAD AND FRANKFORD AVENUE, SOUTHEAST ON FRANKFORD AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF FRANKFORD AVENUE AND SIPPLE AVENUE, WEST ON SIPPLE AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF SIPPLE AVENUE AND CRENSHAW AVENUE, SOUTHEAST ON CRENSHAW AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF CRENSHAW AVENUE AND GOODNOW ROAD, SOUTHEAST ON GOODNOW ROAD TO THE INTERSECTION OF GOODNOW ROAD AND SINCLAIR LANE, NORTHEAST ON SINCLAIR LANE TO THE INTERSECTION OF SINCLAIR LANE AND RADECKE AVENUE, WEST ON RADECKE AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF**

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RADECKE AVENUE AND ANNTANA AVENUE, THEN NORTH ON ANNTANA AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF ANNTANA AVENUE AND BELAIR ROAD; AND

- (6) from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day in all other locations in the City.

12–2005.

- (c) (1) This subsection does not apply to:

- (i) a Class B beer and light wine license;
- (ii) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license;
- (iii) a Class B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor license;
- (iv) a Class C beer and light wine license; and
- (v) a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license.

- (2) For a license holder in an area bounded by Liberty Heights Avenue, Northern Parkway, Druid Park Drive, and Wabash Avenue, the hours of sale:

- (i) may not begin before 9 a.m. or end after 10 p.m.; and
- (ii) may not be extended if they begin later than 9 a.m. or end before 10 p.m.

- (3) For a license holder in an area bounded as follows: from the intersection of East North Avenue and Harford Avenue, southwest on Harford Avenue to the intersection of Harford Avenue and North Central Avenue, south on North Central Avenue to the intersection with East Monument Street, east on East Monument Street to the intersection of East Monument Street and North Wolfe Street, south on North Wolfe Street to the intersection of North Wolfe Street and McElderry Street, east on McElderry Street to the intersection of McElderry Street and North Collington Avenue, south on North Collington Avenue to the intersection of North Collington Avenue and East Fayette Street, east on East Fayette Street to the intersection of East Fayette Street and North Lakewood Avenue, north on North Lakewood Avenue to the intersection of North Lakewood Avenue and East Monument Street, west on East Monument Street to the intersection of East Monument Street and North Luzerne Avenue, north on North Luzerne Avenue to the intersection of North Luzerne Avenue and East Federal Street, west on East Federal Street to the intersection of East Federal Street and North Rose Street, north on North Rose Street to the intersection of North Rose Street and East North Avenue, then west on East North Avenue to the intersection of East North Avenue and Harford Avenue, the hours of sale:

- (i) may not begin before 9 a.m. or end after 10 p.m.; and

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(ii) may not be extended if they begin later than 9 a.m. or end before 10 p.m.

(4) FOR A LICENSE HOLDER IN AN AREA BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE INTERSECTION OF BELAIR ROAD AND ANNTANA AVENUE, SOUTHWEST ON BELAIR ROAD TO THE INTERSECTION OF BELAIR ROAD AND FRANKFORD AVENUE, SOUTHEAST ON FRANKFORD AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF FRANKFORD AVENUE AND SIPPLE AVENUE, WEST ON SIPPLE AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF SIPPLE AVENUE AND CRENSHAW AVENUE, SOUTHEAST ON CRENSHAW AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF CRENSHAW AVENUE AND GOODNOW ROAD, SOUTHEAST ON GOODNOW ROAD TO THE INTERSECTION OF GOODNOW ROAD AND SINCLAIR LANE, NORTHEAST ON SINCLAIR LANE TO THE INTERSECTION OF SINCLAIR LANE AND RADECKE AVENUE, WEST ON RADECKE AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF RADECKE AVENUE AND ANNTANA AVENUE, THEN NORTH ON ANNTANA AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION OF ANNTANA AVENUE AND BELAIR ROAD, THE HOURS OF SALE:

(I) MAY NOT BEGIN BEFORE 9 A.M. OR END AFTER 10 P.M.; AND

(II) MAY NOT BE EXTENDED IF THEY BEGIN LATER THAN 9 A.M. OR END BEFORE 10 P.M.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

BALTIMORE CITY**SB 662/HB 784****Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Alterations**

THIS ACT TAKES EFFECT ON JUNE 1, 2025. SECTION 2 REMAINS IN EFFECT FOR 5 YEARS AND 1 MONTH AND IS AUTOMATICALLY REPEALED ON JUNE 30, 2030, WITHOUT FURTHER ACTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Sections 12-104, 12-1406(b), 12-1603(a), (b), (c)(17), (18), (19), and 12-1605(b)(5); Chapters 1026 and 1027 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024 Section 2

SPECIAL NOTE: The Senate Version of this bill contains additional language not found in the house version, which will be indicated in the summary below.

SUMMARY:**Section 1**

- ▶ Authorizes the Board to waive the 40% food sales requirement for restaurants located within the Fells Point area.
- ▶ Allows the Board to approve a license expansion onto a noncontiguous property if the license meets the waiver criteria and the City issues a second use permit that specifically references the alcohol license at the primary location.
- ▶ Expands the Board's authority to condition the issuance or renewal of any alcoholic beverages license on substantial compliance with a memorandum of understanding with a community association.
- ▶ Allows the Board to issue or transfer a license within 300 feet of a place of worship or school in the specified area only if:
 - » The applicant obtains a letter of support from the place of worship or school, and
 - » Enters into a memorandum of understanding with a community association in the area.
- ▶ **SB 662 / CH 814 only:** *Allows a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license on the odd side of the 800 block of North Howard Street in the 40th district if:*
 - » *The applicant does not convert the license to a different class or transfer it to another location,*

- » *Alcohol is served only indoors between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m.,*
- » *Patrons are limited to two servings of beer (12 oz), wine (6 oz), or liquor (1.5 oz) while receiving a bartending service,*
- » *the Board waives the membership-only sales requirement, and*
- » *The applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the Mount Vernon – Belvedere Association.*

Amendment to 2024 uncoded language:

- ▶ Further Extends the expiration of a Class B license in the 3500 block of Boston Street to July 1, 2028, to allow for a transfer of ownership and location to the 3600 block of Boston Street. (This license expiration was previously set to end in 2025 under Chapter 1026 of the Acts of 2024.)

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- ▶ Enacts uncoded language to extend the expiration period of particular licenses to allow them to be available for transfer to new entities.
- ▶ Considers a Class D 6-day license on the 200 block of East Lexington Street unexpired until June 30, 2026, to complete a same-location ownership transfer with support from the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore.
- ▶ Treats five expired Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses for restaurants at Harborplace as unexpired until June 30, 2030, to allow ownership transfers at the same location.
 - » Requires the most recent license holder to remain liable for unpaid personal property taxes owed to Baltimore City or the State.
 - » Restricts the Board from:
 - » Requiring a Class B license issued under this subsection to meet a minimum capital investment or seating amount,
 - » Authorizing its transfer to another location, and
 - » Requiring the previous license holder to complete a Transfer Authorization or Affidavit of Compliance for ownership transfer.
- ▶ Expires a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license issued under this subsection on June 30, 2030, making it nonrenewable.

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(Senate Bill 662)

AN ACT concerning

**Baltimore City – ~~46th Alcoholic Beverages District~~ – Alcoholic Beverages
Licenses – Alterations**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to provide a certain waiver from certain requirements for a restaurant within a certain bounded area in the 46th alcoholic beverages district; expanding the class of license to which a certain requirement for a memorandum of understanding applies to include any alcoholic beverages license in Baltimore City; authorizing the Board to issue a certain alcoholic beverages license for a certain location in the 40th alcoholic beverages district; requiring a memorandum of understanding between a certain licensee and a community association within a certain bounded area in the 46th alcoholic beverages district before the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City may issue a license in or transfer a license to the bounded area; extending for a certain amount of time the expiration of a certain license licenses in the 46th alcoholic beverages district for the purpose of transfer; providing an exception to a certain prohibition against the Board allowing a certain license transfer under certain circumstances; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 12–102 and 12–1603(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 12–104, 12–1406(b), 12–1603(c)(17) and (18), and 12–1605(b)(5)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 12–1603(c)(19)
Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 1026 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Chapter 1027 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
 Section 2

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

12-102.

This title applies only in Baltimore City.

12-104.

(a) To be considered a restaurant, an establishment shall meet the requirements of this section.

(b) An establishment shall have average daily receipts from the sale of food that are at least 40% of its total daily receipts.

(c) The Board may not consider as food an ingredient or a garnish used with or mixed with an alcoholic beverage that is prepared and served for on-premises consumption.

(d) (1) The Board may waive the food requirement specified under subsection (b) of this section for a restaurant:

(I) owned and operated by a nonprofit organization in the area bounded by South Ellwood Avenue on the west, Bank Street on the north, South Bouldin Street on the east, and Fleet Street on the south; OR

(II) OPERATED IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY SOUTH EDEN STREET ON THE WEST, BANK STREET ON THE NORTH, SOUTH SPRING STREET ON THE EAST, AND EASTERN AVENUE ON THE SOUTH.

(2) For a license that meets the qualifications under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Board may approve an expansion of the licensed premises onto a noncontiguous property with a second separate use permit issued by the City, if the second separate use permit specifically refers to the alcoholic beverages license at the primary location.

12-1406.

(b) If a community association and an applicant for the issuance or renewal of [a Class B, B-D-7, or D] AN alcoholic beverages license have entered into a memorandum of

understanding that expressly acknowledges the authority of the Board under this article, the Board may make the issuance or renewal of the license conditional on the substantial compliance of the applicant with the memorandum of understanding.

12-1603.

(a) The alcoholic beverages districts described in this section at all times are coterminous with the legislative districts in the Legislative Districting Plan of 2022.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the Board may not issue a new license in:

- (1) the 40th alcoholic beverages district;
- (2) the 41st alcoholic beverages district;
- (3) the 43rd alcoholic beverages district;
- (4) the 44th alcoholic beverages district; and
- (5) the 45th alcoholic beverages district.

(c) The Board may issue:

(17) a Class A-7 beer, wine, and liquor license in the 1200 block of West North Avenue in the 40th alcoholic beverages district, if:

(i) the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the Penn North Community Association;

(ii) alcoholic beverages are sold only as part of a gift basket or floral arrangement; and

(iii) the applicant does not hold or apply for a Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor (on-premises) tasting license; [and]

(18) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license for a restaurant on the even side of the 400 block of West 29th Street in the 40th alcoholic beverages district if:

(i) the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the Greater Remington Improvement Association; and

(ii) the Board waives a minimum seating requirement under item (1)(ii)2 of this subsection; AND

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(19) A CLASS C BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE ON THE ODD SIDE OF THE 800 BLOCK OF NORTH HOWARD STREET IN THE 40TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT IF:

(I) THE APPLICANT DOES NOT CONVERT THE LICENSE TO A DIFFERENT LICENSE CLASS;

(II) THE APPLICANT DOES NOT TRANSFER THE LICENSE TO A DIFFERENT LOCATION;

(III) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SERVED ONLY TO PATRONS INDOORS;

(IV) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SALES BEGIN NOT EARLIER THAN 10 A.M. AND END NOT LATER THAN 9 P.M.;

(V) THE APPLICANT PROVIDES NOT MORE THAN TWO 12-OUNCE OFFERINGS OF BEER, TWO 6-OUNCE OFFERINGS OF WINE BY THE GLASS, OR TWO 1.5-OUNCE OFFERINGS OF LIQUOR FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION BY A PATRON WHILE THE PATRON IS PROVIDED A BARBERING SERVICE REGULATED UNDER TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE;

(VI) THE BOARD WAIVES ANY REQUIREMENTS THAT SALES CAN BE MADE ONLY TO MEMBERS AND THE GUESTS OF MEMBERS; AND

(VII) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MOUNT VERNON – BELVEDERE ASSOCIATION.

12-1605.

(b) (5) For an establishment that is within 300 feet of the nearest point of a place of worship or school, the Board may issue a license in or approve the transfer of a license into the area specified in paragraph (1)(ii)6 of this subsection only if the license holder has received a letter of support from [a] THE place of worship or school that is within the bounded area AND HAS ENTERED INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH A COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION THAT IS WITHIN THE BOUNDED AREA.

Chapter 1026 of the Acts of 2024

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) (1) Notwithstanding § 12-1705 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class B-D-7 license issued for a premises on the 2800 block of O'Donnell Street

shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, 2024, for the purpose of completing a transfer of ownership at the same location.

(2) Notwithstanding § 12-1604.1 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a holder of a Class D beer and light wine license on the 3200 block of Eastern Avenue may apply to the Board to convert to a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license if the license holder meets each requirement in § 12-1604.1 except for the requirement to maintain average daily receipts from the sale of food that are at least 51% of the total daily receipts.

(3) Notwithstanding § 12-2202 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class B-D-7 license issued for a premises in the 1600 block of Eastern Avenue shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, 2025, for the purpose of completing a transfer of ownership and transfer of location to a premises in the 600 block of South Caroline Street.

(4) (i) Notwithstanding § 12-2202 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class B license issued for a premises in the 3500 block of Boston Street shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, [2025] **2028**, for the purpose of completing a transfer of ownership and a transfer of location to a premises in the 3600 block of Boston Street.

(ii) If a Class B license transferred to the 3600 block of Boston Street under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph was originally issued as a Class B-D-7 license, the license holder may apply to the Board to convert the Class B license back to a Class B-D-7 license.

(5) Notwithstanding § 12-2202 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class B-D-7 license issued for a premises in the 600 block of South Luzerne Avenue shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, 2025, for the purpose of being renewed to the current license year by the licensee.

(b) The Board may not authorize the transfer of a license in ward 24, precinct 5 to a person or a location that has received and retained funding awarded under a legislative bond initiative.

Chapter 1027 of the Acts of 2024

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) (1) Notwithstanding § 12-1705 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class B-D-7 license issued for a premises on the 2800 block of O'Donnell Street shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, 2024, for the purpose of completing a transfer of ownership at the same location.

(2) Notwithstanding § 12-1604.1 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a holder of a Class D beer and light wine license on the 3200 block of Eastern Avenue may apply to the Board to convert to a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license if the license holder meets each requirement in § 12-1604.1 except for the requirement to maintain average daily receipts from the sale of food that are at least 51% of the total daily receipts.

(3) Notwithstanding § 12-2202 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class B–D–7 license issued for a premises in the 1600 block of Eastern Avenue shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, 2025, for the purpose of completing a transfer of ownership and transfer of location to a premises in the 600 block of South Caroline Street.

(4) (i) Notwithstanding § 12-2202 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class B license issued for a premises in the 3500 block of Boston Street shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, [2025] **2028**, for the purpose of completing a transfer of ownership and a transfer of location to a premises in the 3600 block of Boston Street.

(ii) If a Class B license transferred to the 3600 block of Boston Street under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph was originally issued as a Class B–D–7 license, the license holder may apply to the Board to convert the Class B license back to a Class B–D–7 license.

(5) Notwithstanding § 12-2202 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class B–D–7 license issued for a premises in the 600 block of South Luzerne Avenue shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, 2025, for the purpose of being renewed to the current license year by the licensee.

(b) The Board may not authorize the transfer of a license in ward 24, precinct 5 to a person or a location that has received and retained funding awarded under a legislative bond initiative.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) Notwithstanding § 12-1705 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class D 6-day beer, wine, and liquor license issued for a premises on the 200 block of East Lexington Street shall be considered unexpired until the end of June 30, 2026, for the purpose of completing a transfer of ownership at the same location, provided the license holder received a letter of support from the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding §§ 12-1703 and 12-1705 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, five Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses issued for restaurant premises at Harborplace and expired between January 1, 2021, and January 1, 2025, shall be considered unexpired until the end of June 30, 2030, for the purpose of completing a transfer of ownership at the same location.

(2) Notwithstanding § 12-1703 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, the most recent license holder shall retain liability for any unpaid personal property taxes due to Baltimore City or to the State.

(3) The Board may not:

(i) require a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license issued under this subsection:

1. to have a minimum capital investment; or

2. to maintain a minimum or maximum seating amount;

(ii) authorize the transfer of a license issued under this subsection to another location; and

(iii) require the most recent license holder to complete a Transfer Authorization or Affidavit of Compliance to complete a transfer of ownership in accordance with this subsection.

(4) At the end of June 30, 2030, a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license issued under this subsection shall expire and be nonrenewable.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2025. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2030, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

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(House Bill 784)

AN ACT concerning

**Baltimore City – ~~46th Alcoholic Beverages District~~ – Alcoholic Beverages
Licenses – Alterations**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to provide a certain waiver from certain requirements for a restaurant within a certain bounded area in the 46th alcoholic beverages district; expanding the class of license to which a certain requirement for a memorandum of understanding applies to include any alcoholic beverages license in Baltimore City; requiring a memorandum of understanding between a certain licensee and a community association within a certain bounded area in the 46th alcoholic beverages district before the Board of ~~License Commissioners for Baltimore City~~ may issue a license in or transfer a license to the bounded area; extending for a certain amount of time the expiration of ~~a~~ certain ~~license~~ licenses in the 46th alcoholic beverages district for the purpose of transfer; providing an exception to a certain prohibition against the Board allowing a certain license transfer under certain circumstances; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 12-102
Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 12-104, 12-1406(b), and 12-1605(b)(5)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 1026 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Chapter 1027 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2024
Section 2

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

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12-102.

This title applies only in Baltimore City.

12-104.

(a) To be considered a restaurant, an establishment shall meet the requirements of this section.

(b) An establishment shall have average daily receipts from the sale of food that are at least 40% of its total daily receipts.

(c) The Board may not consider as food an ingredient or a garnish used with or mixed with an alcoholic beverage that is prepared and served for on-premises consumption.

(d) (1) The Board may waive the food requirement specified under subsection (b) of this section for a restaurant:

(I) owned and operated by a nonprofit organization in the area bounded by South Ellwood Avenue on the west, Bank Street on the north, South Bouldin Street on the east, and Fleet Street on the south; OR

(II) OPERATED IN THE AREA BOUNDED BY SOUTH EDEN STREET ON THE WEST, BANK STREET ON THE NORTH, SOUTH SPRING STREET ON THE EAST, AND EASTERN AVENUE ON THE SOUTH.

(2) For a license that meets the qualifications under paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Board may approve an expansion of the licensed premises onto a noncontiguous property with a second separate use permit issued by the City, if the second separate use permit specifically refers to the alcoholic beverages license at the primary location.

12-1406.

(b) If a community association and an applicant for the issuance or renewal of [a Class B, B-D-7, or D] AN alcoholic beverages license have entered into a memorandum of understanding that expressly acknowledges the authority of the Board under this article, the Board may make the issuance or renewal of the license conditional on the substantial compliance of the applicant with the memorandum of understanding.

12-1605.

(b) (5) For an establishment that is within 300 feet of the nearest point of a place of worship or school, the Board may issue a license in or approve the transfer of a

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license into the area specified in paragraph (1)(ii)6 of this subsection only if the license holder has received a letter of support from [a] **THE** place of worship or school that is within the bounded area **AND HAS ENTERED INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH A COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION THAT IS WITHIN THE BOUNDED AREA.**

Chapter 1026 of the Acts of 2024

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) (1) Notwithstanding § 12–1705 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class B–D–7 license issued for a premises on the 2800 block of O'Donnell Street shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, 2024, for the purpose of completing a transfer of ownership at the same location.

(2) Notwithstanding § 12–1604.1 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a holder of a Class D beer and light wine license on the 3200 block of Eastern Avenue may apply to the Board to convert to a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license if the license holder meets each requirement in § 12–1604.1 except for the requirement to maintain average daily receipts from the sale of food that are at least 51% of the total daily receipts.

(3) Notwithstanding § 12–2202 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class B–D–7 license issued for a premises in the 1600 block of Eastern Avenue shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, 2025, for the purpose of completing a transfer of ownership and transfer of location to a premises in the 600 block of South Caroline Street.

(4) (i) Notwithstanding § 12–2202 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class B license issued for a premises in the 3500 block of Boston Street shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, **[2025] 2028**, for the purpose of completing a transfer of ownership and a transfer of location to a premises in the 3600 block of Boston Street.

(ii) If a Class B license transferred to the 3600 block of Boston Street under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph was originally issued as a Class B–D–7 license, the license holder may apply to the Board to convert the Class B license back to a Class B–D–7 license.

(5) Notwithstanding § 12–2202 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class B–D–7 license issued for a premises in the 600 block of South Luzerne Avenue shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, 2025, for the purpose of being renewed to the current license year by the licensee.

(b) The Board may not authorize the transfer of a license in ward 24, precinct 5 to a person or a location that has received and retained funding awarded under a legislative bond initiative.

Chapter 1027 of the Acts of 2024**SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:**

(a) (1) Notwithstanding § 12–1705 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class B–D–7 license issued for a premises on the 2800 block of O’Donnell Street shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, 2024, for the purpose of completing a transfer of ownership at the same location.

(2) Notwithstanding § 12–1604.1 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a holder of a Class D beer and light wine license on the 3200 block of Eastern Avenue may apply to the Board to convert to a Class D beer, wine, and liquor license if the license holder meets each requirement in § 12–1604.1 except for the requirement to maintain average daily receipts from the sale of food that are at least 51% of the total daily receipts.

(3) Notwithstanding § 12–2202 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class B–D–7 license issued for a premises in the 1600 block of Eastern Avenue shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, 2025, for the purpose of completing a transfer of ownership and transfer of location to a premises in the 600 block of South Caroline Street.

(4) (i) Notwithstanding § 12–2202 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class B license issued for a premises in the 3500 block of Boston Street shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, [2025] **2028**, for the purpose of completing a transfer of ownership and a transfer of location to a premises in the 3600 block of Boston Street.

(ii) If a Class B license transferred to the 3600 block of Boston Street under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph was originally issued as a Class B–D–7 license, the license holder may apply to the Board to convert the Class B license back to a Class B–D–7 license.

(5) Notwithstanding § 12–2202 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class B–D–7 license issued for a premises in the 600 block of South Luzerne Avenue shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, 2025, for the purpose of being renewed to the current license year by the licensee.

(b) The Board may not authorize the transfer of a license in ward 24, precinct 5 to a person or a location that has received and retained funding awarded under a legislative bond initiative.

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(a) Notwithstanding § 12-1705 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class D 6-day beer, wine, and liquor license issued for a premises on the 200 block of East Lexington Street shall be considered unexpired until the end of June 30, 2026, for the purpose of completing a transfer of ownership at the same location, provided the license holder received a letter of support from the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore.

(b) (1) Notwithstanding §§ 12-1703 and 12-1705 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, five Class B beer, wine, and liquor licenses issued for restaurant premises at Harborplace and expired between January 1, 2021, and January 1, 2025, shall be considered unexpired until the end of June 30, 2030, for the purpose of completing a transfer of ownership at the same location.

(2) Notwithstanding § 12-1703 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, the most recent license holder shall retain liability for any unpaid personal property taxes due to Baltimore City or to the State.

(3) The Board may not:

(i) require a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license issued under this subsection:

1. to have a minimum capital investment; or

2. to maintain a minimum or maximum seating amount;

(ii) authorize the transfer of a license issued under this subsection to another location; and

(iii) require the most recent license holder to complete a Transfer Authorization or Affidavit of Compliance to complete a transfer of ownership in accordance with this subsection.

(4) At the end of June 30, 2030, a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license issued under this subsection shall expire and be nonrenewable.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2025. Section 2 of this Act shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and 1 month and, at the end of June 30, 2030, Section 2 of this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.



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BALTIMORE CITY**SB 788/HB 346****43rd Alcoholic Beverages District - Class B-D-7 Licenses**
 JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 12-603(c)(17) and (18), (c)(19) though (21).

SUMMARY:

- ▶ Class B-D-7 licenses may be issued in the following locations in the 43rd Alcoholic Beverages District:
 - » 2600 block of Huntingdon Ave,
 - » 2700 block of Huntingdon Ave: Up to 3 licenses,
 - » 300 block of West 29th St.
- ▶ These Class B-D-7 licenses can be issued if:
 - » At least 51% of the applicant's average daily receipts come from non-package goods sales,
 - » The applicant signs a memorandum of understanding with the Greater Remington Improvement Association, and
 - » The applicant does not create a separate package goods department.
- ▶ A Class C license for a premises in the 4500 block of North Charles Street shall be considered active through July 1, 2026, solely for renewal to the current license year.

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Chapter 806

(Senate Bill 788)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – 43rd Alcoholic Beverages District – Class B–D–7 Licenses

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue Class B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor licenses in certain areas of the 43rd alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City if the license applicant meets certain criteria; extending for a certain amount of time an alcoholic beverages license issued for a certain area for the purpose of renewal; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 12–102 and 12–1603(a) and (b)(3)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 12–1603(c)(17) and (18)
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BY adding to
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 12–1603(c)(19) through (21)
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

12–102.

This title applies only in Baltimore City.

12–1603.

(a) The alcoholic beverages districts described in this section at all times are coterminous with the legislative districts in the Legislative Districting Plan of 2022.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the Board may not issue a new license in:

(3) the 43rd alcoholic beverages district;

(c) The Board may issue:

(17) a Class A–7 beer, wine, and liquor license in the 1200 block of West North Avenue in the 40th alcoholic beverages district, if:

(i) the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the Penn North Community Association;

(ii) alcoholic beverages are sold only as part of a gift basket or floral arrangement; and

(iii) the applicant does not hold or apply for a Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor (on–premises) tasting license; [and]

(18) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license for a restaurant on the even side of the 400 block of West 29th Street in the 40th alcoholic beverages district if:

(i) the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the Greater Remington Improvement Association; and

(ii) the Board waives a minimum seating requirement under item (1)(ii)2 of this subsection;

(19) A CLASS B–D–7 LICENSE IN THE 2600 BLOCK OF HUNTINGDON AVENUE IN THE 43RD ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT IF:

(I) AVERAGE DAILY RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF ITEMS OTHER THAN PACKAGE GOODS ARE AT LEAST 51% OF THE APPLICANT’S TOTAL DAILY RECEIPTS;

(II) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GREATER REMINGTON IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION; AND

(III) THE APPLICANT DOES NOT CREATE A SEPARATE PACKAGE GOODS DEPARTMENT;

(20) THREE CLASS B–D–7 LICENSES IN THE 2700 BLOCK OF HUNTINGDON AVENUE IN THE 43RD ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT IF:

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(I) AVERAGE DAILY RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF ITEMS OTHER THAN PACKAGE GOODS ARE AT LEAST 51% OF THE APPLICANT'S TOTAL DAILY RECEIPTS;

(II) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GREATER REMINGTON IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION; AND

(III) THE APPLICANT DOES NOT CREATE A SEPARATE PACKAGE GOODS DEPARTMENT; AND

(21) A CLASS B-D-7 LICENSE IN THE 300 BLOCK OF WEST 29TH STREET IN THE 43RD ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT IF:

(I) AVERAGE DAILY RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF ITEMS OTHER THAN PACKAGE GOODS ARE AT LEAST 51% OF THE APPLICANT'S TOTAL DAILY RECEIPTS;

(II) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GREATER REMINGTON IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION; AND

(III) THE APPLICANT DOES NOT CREATE A SEPARATE PACKAGE GOODS DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding § 12-2202 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class C license issued for a premises in the 4500 block of North Charles Street shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, 2026, for the purpose of being renewed to the current license year by the licensee.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

Chapter 805

(House Bill 346)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – 43rd Alcoholic Beverages District – Class B–D–7 Licenses

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to issue Class B–D–7 beer, wine, and liquor licenses in certain areas of the 43rd alcoholic beverages district in Baltimore City if the license applicant meets certain criteria; extending for a certain amount of time an alcoholic beverages license issued for a certain area for the purpose of renewal; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 12–102 and 12–1603(a) and (b)(3)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 12–1603(c)(17) and (18)
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BY adding to
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 12–1603(c)(19) through (21)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

12–102.

This title applies only in Baltimore City.

12–1603.

(a) The alcoholic beverages districts described in this section at all times are coterminous with the legislative districts in the Legislative Districting Plan of 2022.

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(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the Board may not issue a new license in:

(3) the 43rd alcoholic beverages district;

(c) The Board may issue:

(17) a Class A-7 beer, wine, and liquor license in the 1200 block of West North Avenue in the 40th alcoholic beverages district, if:

(i) the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the Penn North Community Association;

(ii) alcoholic beverages are sold only as part of a gift basket or floral arrangement; and

(iii) the applicant does not hold or apply for a Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor (on-premises) tasting license; [and]

(18) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license for a restaurant on the even side of the 400 block of West 29th Street in the 40th alcoholic beverages district if:

(i) the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the Greater Remington Improvement Association; and

(ii) the Board waives a minimum seating requirement under item (1)(ii)2 of this subsection;

(19) A CLASS B-D-7 LICENSE IN THE 2600 BLOCK OF HUNTINGDON AVENUE IN THE 43RD ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT IF:

(I) AVERAGE DAILY RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF ITEMS OTHER THAN PACKAGE GOODS ARE AT LEAST 51% OF THE APPLICANT'S TOTAL DAILY RECEIPTS;

(II) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GREATER REMINGTON IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION; AND

(III) THE APPLICANT DOES NOT CREATE A SEPARATE PACKAGE GOODS DEPARTMENT;

(20) THREE CLASS B-D-7 LICENSES IN THE 2700 BLOCK OF HUNTINGDON AVENUE IN THE 43RD ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT IF:

(I) AVERAGE DAILY RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF ITEMS OTHER THAN PACKAGE GOODS ARE AT LEAST 51% OF THE APPLICANT'S TOTAL DAILY RECEIPTS;

(II) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GREATER REMINGTON IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION; AND

(III) THE APPLICANT DOES NOT CREATE A SEPARATE PACKAGE GOODS DEPARTMENT; AND

(21) A CLASS B-D-7 LICENSE IN THE 300 BLOCK OF WEST 29TH STREET IN THE 43RD ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT IF:

(I) AVERAGE DAILY RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF ITEMS OTHER THAN PACKAGE GOODS ARE AT LEAST 51% OF THE APPLICANT'S TOTAL DAILY RECEIPTS;

(II) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GREATER REMINGTON IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION; AND

(III) THE APPLICANT DOES NOT CREATE A SEPARATE PACKAGE GOODS DEPARTMENT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding § 12-2202 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class C license issued for a premises in the 4500 block of North Charles Street shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, 2026, for the purpose of being renewed to the current license year by the licensee.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

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BALTIMORE CITY**SB 939/HB 1172****Alcoholic Beverages - Authorizations and Revisions**

📅 JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 12-1311, 12-1314, (c)(17) through (21), and 12-2005(d)

SUMMARY:

- ▶ Requires the Board to charge up to \$250 for expedited processing of a per diem license application submitted less than two weeks before the event.
- ▶ Requires the Board to adopt regulations for the application process for Class C per diem licenses.
- ▶ Allows a Class C beer and light wine license in the 2500 block of West North Avenue in the 40th district for on-campus events if:
 - » Deny or revoke a Class C per diem license; and
 - » Limit the number of Class C per diem licenses issued to a person for the same location within a calendar year.
- ▶ These Class B-D-7 licenses can be issued if:
 - » The applicant signs a memorandum of understanding with the Greater Mondawmin Coordinating Council, and
 - » The Board waives the requirement that sales be limited to members and their guests.
- ▶ Allows a Class C beer and wine license on the odd side of the 800 block of North Howard Street in the 40th district if:
 - » The license is not converted or transferred,
 - » Alcohol is served only indoors between 10 a.m. and 9 p.m.,
 - » Each patron receives no more than two 12 oz beers or two 6 oz glasses of wine while receiving a barbering service,
 - » The Board waives the member-only sales requirement, and
 - » The applicant signs a memorandum of understanding with the Mount Vernon–Belvedere Association.
- ▶ Sets alcohol sales hours from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., with no sales allowed outside that window, for licensees in the 40th alcoholic beverages district in:
 - » Park Heights/Edgecomb
 - » Millhill
 - » Penn North to Walbrook, and
 - » For a licensee within 250 yards in any direction within a specified area in Upton/Druid Hill
- ▶ Adds a Class M–F (Municipal Family Fun Center) license to the list of licenses exempt from the hours listed above.

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(Senate Bill 939)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Authorizations and Revisions

FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to impose a fee for expedited processing of certain Class C per diem licenses; requiring the Board to adopt regulations related to the application process for Class C per diem licenses, including for the denial or revocation of the licenses, and limiting the number of licenses that may be issued to a person for the same location within a certain period of time; authorizing the Board to issue certain alcoholic beverages licenses for certain locations in the 40th alcoholic beverages district; prohibiting certain license holders in a certain area of the 40th alcoholic beverages district from selling alcoholic beverages at certain times of day; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

Section 12–102 and 12–1603(a), (b), and (c)(1)(ii)

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

Section ~~12–1311 and 12–1603(e)(17) and (18)~~ 12–1311, 12–1603(c)(17) and (18), and 12–2005(d)

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BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

Section 12–1314 and 12–1603(c)(19) through ~~(22)~~ (21)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

12–102.

This title applies only in Baltimore City.

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12-1311.

(a) The Board shall set the license fee for a Class C per diem beer license and a Class C per diem beer and wine license.

(b) (1) The Board shall set the license fee for a Class C per diem beer, wine, and liquor license.

(2) The Board may collect from the license holder reimbursement for costs incurred while monitoring the event for which the license is issued.

(C) THE BOARD SHALL IMPOSE A FEE OF NOT MORE THAN \$250 FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING OF A PER DIEM LICENSE APPLICATION IF THE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED LESS THAN 2 WEEKS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED EVENT REQUIRING THE PER DIEM LICENSE.

12-1314.

(A) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR CLASS C PER DIEM LICENSES ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH §§ 4-1203 AND 4-1204 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(B) REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD UNDER THIS SECTION MAY AUTHORIZE THE BOARD TO:

(1) DENY OR REVOKE A CLASS C PER DIEM LICENSE; OR

(2) LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CLASS C PER DIEM LICENSES THAT MAY BE ISSUED TO A PERSON FOR THE SAME LOCATION WITHIN A CALENDAR YEAR.

12-1603.

(a) The alcoholic beverages districts described in this section at all times are coterminous with the legislative districts in the Legislative Districting Plan of 2022.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the Board may not issue a new license in:

- (1) the 40th alcoholic beverages district;
- (2) the 41st alcoholic beverages district;
- (3) the 43rd alcoholic beverages district;
- (4) the 44th alcoholic beverages district; and

(5) the 45th alcoholic beverages district.

(c) The Board may issue:

(1) in the alcoholic beverages districts specified in subsection (b) of this section:

(ii) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license to a restaurant that:

1. has a minimum capital investment, not including the cost of land and buildings, of \$200,000 for restaurant facilities; and

2. has a minimum seating capacity of 75 individuals;

(17) a Class A–7 beer, wine, and liquor license in the 1200 block of West North Avenue in the 40th alcoholic beverages district, if:

(i) the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the Penn North Community Association;

(ii) alcoholic beverages are sold only as part of a gift basket or floral arrangement; and

(iii) the applicant does not hold or apply for a Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor (on–premises) tasting license; [and]

(18) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license for a restaurant on the even side of the 400 block of West 29th Street in the 40th alcoholic beverages district if:

(i) the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the Greater Remington Improvement Association; and

(ii) the Board waives a minimum seating requirement under item (1)(ii)2 of this subsection;

(19) A CLASS C BEER AND LIGHT WINE LICENSE IN THE 2500 BLOCK OF WEST NORTH AVENUE IN THE 40TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT TO BE USED DURING ON–CAMPUS EVENTS IF:

(I) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GREATER MONDAWMIN COORDINATING COUNCIL; AND

(II) THE BOARD WAIVES ANY REQUIREMENTS THAT SALES CAN BE MADE ONLY TO MEMBERS AND THE GUESTS OF MEMBERS;

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(20) A CLASS C BEER AND WINE LICENSE ON THE ODD SIDE OF THE 800 BLOCK OF NORTH HOWARD STREET IN THE 40TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT IF:

(I) THE APPLICANT DOES NOT CONVERT THE LICENSE TO A DIFFERENT LICENSE CLASS;

(II) THE APPLICANT DOES NOT TRANSFER THE LICENSE TO A DIFFERENT LOCATION;

(III) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SERVED ONLY TO PATRONS INDOORS;

(IV) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SALES BEGIN NOT EARLIER THAN 10 A.M. AND END NOT LATER THAN 9 P.M.;

(V) THE APPLICANT PROVIDES NOT MORE THAN TWO 12-OUNCE OFFERINGS OF BEER OR TWO 6-OUNCE OFFERINGS OF WINE BY THE GLASS FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION BY A PATRON WHILE THE PATRON IS PROVIDED A BARBERING SERVICE REGULATED UNDER TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE;

(VI) THE BOARD WAIVES ANY REQUIREMENTS THAT SALES CAN BE MADE ONLY TO MEMBERS AND THE GUESTS OF MEMBERS; AND

(VII) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MOUNT VERNON – BELVEDERE ASSOCIATION; AND

~~(21) A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE FOR A RESTAURANT ON THE EVEN SIDE OF THE 1100 BLOCK OF HOLLINS STREET IN THE 40TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT IF:~~

~~(I) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE HOLLINS ROUNDHOUSE ASSOCIATION; AND~~

~~(II) THE BOARD WAIVES THE MINIMUM SEATING REQUIREMENT UNDER ITEM (1)(II)2 OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND~~

~~(22)~~ A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE FOR A RESTAURANT ON THE EVEN SIDE OF THE UNIT BLOCK OF SOUTH CARROLLTON AVENUE IN THE 40TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT IF:

(I) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE HOLLINS ROUNDHOUSE ASSOCIATION; AND

(II) THE BOARD WAIVES THE MINIMUM SEATING REQUIREMENT UNDER ITEM (1)(II)2 OF THIS SUBSECTION.

12-2005.

(d) (1) This subsection does not apply to:

(i) a Class B beer and light wine (restaurant) license;

(ii) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor (restaurant) license issued under § 12-1603(c)(1)(ii) of this title;

(iii) a Class B-BWL (H-M) license;

(iv) a Class C beer and wine license;

(v) a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license;

(vi) an arena license; [or]

(vii) a marketplace license; OR

(VIII) A CLASS M-F (MUNICIPAL FAMILY FUN CENTER) LICENSE.

(2) For a license holder in the 40th alcoholic beverages district, the hours of sale for alcoholic beverages may not begin before 10 a.m. or end after 10 p.m.:

(i) within an area bounded:

1. from the intersection of Reisterstown Road and Quantico Avenue, northwest on Reisterstown Road to the intersection with Wylie Avenue, northeast on Wylie Avenue to the intersection with Pimlico Road, northwest on Pimlico Road to the intersection with Dupont Avenue, east on Dupont Avenue to the intersection with Pall Mall Road, southeast on Pall Mall Road to the intersection with Edgecombe Circle North, east on Edgecombe Circle North to the intersection with Finney Avenue, south on Finney Avenue to the intersection with Oakford Avenue, west on Oakford Avenue to the intersection with Pall Mall Road, southeast on Pall Mall Road to the intersection with Loyola Northway, southwest on Loyola Northway to the intersection with Pimlico Road, southeast on Pimlico Road to the intersection with Quantico Avenue, and southwest on Quantico Avenue to the intersection with Reisterstown Road; and

2. from the intersection of Millington Avenue with Wilkens Avenue, northwest on Millington Avenue to the intersection with Frederick Avenue,

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northeast on Frederick Avenue to the intersection with West Pratt Street, east on West Pratt Street to the intersection with South Mount Street, south on South Mount Street to the intersection with Eagle Street, southwest on Eagle Street to the intersection with South Smallwood Street, northwest on South Smallwood Street to the intersection with Wilkens Avenue, and southwest on Wilkens Avenue to the intersection with Millington Avenue;

(ii) within the area of West North Avenue between the 1000 block of West North Avenue and the 3200 block of West North Avenue, inclusive; [and]

(iii) for a license holder within 250 yards in any direction of the area described in item (ii) of this paragraph; AND

(IV) WITHIN AN AREA BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH FULTON AVENUE WITH NORTH AVENUE, NORTH ON NORTH FULTON AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION WITH PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NORTHEAST ON NORTH FULTON AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION WITH DRUID HILL AVENUE, SOUTHEAST ON DRUID HILL AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION WITH MOSHER STREET, SOUTHWEST ON MOSHER STREET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH NORTH CAREY STREET, NORTH ON NORTH CAREY STREET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH NORTH AVENUE, AND WEST ON NORTH AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION WITH NORTH FULTON AVENUE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

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(House Bill 1172)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Authorizations and Revisions

FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to impose a fee for expedited processing of certain Class C per diem licenses; requiring the Board to adopt regulations related to the application process for Class C per diem licenses, including for the denial or revocation of the licenses, and limiting the number of licenses that may be issued to a person for the same location within a certain period of time; authorizing the Board to issue certain alcoholic beverages licenses for certain locations in the 40th alcoholic beverages district; prohibiting certain license holders in a certain area of the 40th alcoholic beverages district from selling alcoholic beverages at certain times of day; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Baltimore City.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

Section 12–102 and 12–1603(a), (b), and (c)(1)(ii)

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

Section ~~12–1311 and 12–1603(e)(17) and (18)~~ 12–1311, 12–1603(c)(17) and (18), and 12–2005(d)

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BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

Section 12–1314 and 12–1603(c)(19) through ~~(22)~~ (21)

Annotated Code of Maryland

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

12–102.

This title applies only in Baltimore City.

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12-1311.

(a) The Board shall set the license fee for a Class C per diem beer license and a Class C per diem beer and wine license.

(b) (1) The Board shall set the license fee for a Class C per diem beer, wine, and liquor license.

(2) The Board may collect from the license holder reimbursement for costs incurred while monitoring the event for which the license is issued.

(C) THE BOARD SHALL IMPOSE A FEE OF NOT MORE THAN \$250 FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING OF A PER DIEM LICENSE APPLICATION IF THE APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED LESS THAN 2 WEEKS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED EVENT REQUIRING THE PER DIEM LICENSE.

12-1314.

(A) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION PROCESS FOR CLASS C PER DIEM LICENSES ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH §§ 4-1203 AND 4-1204 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(B) REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD UNDER THIS SECTION MAY AUTHORIZE THE BOARD TO:

(1) DENY OR REVOKE A CLASS C PER DIEM LICENSE; OR

(2) LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CLASS C PER DIEM LICENSES THAT MAY BE ISSUED TO A PERSON FOR THE SAME LOCATION WITHIN A CALENDAR YEAR.

12-1603.

(a) The alcoholic beverages districts described in this section at all times are coterminous with the legislative districts in the Legislative Districting Plan of 2022.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the Board may not issue a new license in:

- (1) the 40th alcoholic beverages district;
- (2) the 41st alcoholic beverages district;
- (3) the 43rd alcoholic beverages district;
- (4) the 44th alcoholic beverages district; and

(5) the 45th alcoholic beverages district.

(c) The Board may issue:

(1) in the alcoholic beverages districts specified in subsection (b) of this section:

(ii) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license to a restaurant that:

1. has a minimum capital investment, not including the cost of land and buildings, of \$200,000 for restaurant facilities; and

2. has a minimum seating capacity of 75 individuals;

(17) a Class A–7 beer, wine, and liquor license in the 1200 block of West North Avenue in the 40th alcoholic beverages district, if:

(i) the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the Penn North Community Association;

(ii) alcoholic beverages are sold only as part of a gift basket or floral arrangement; and

(iii) the applicant does not hold or apply for a Class BWLT beer, wine, and liquor (on–premises) tasting license; [and]

(18) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license for a restaurant on the even side of the 400 block of West 29th Street in the 40th alcoholic beverages district if:

(i) the applicant executes a memorandum of understanding with the Greater Remington Improvement Association; and

(ii) the Board waives a minimum seating requirement under item (1)(ii)2 of this subsection;

(19) A CLASS C BEER AND LIGHT WINE LICENSE IN THE 2500 BLOCK OF WEST NORTH AVENUE IN THE 40TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT TO BE USED DURING ON–CAMPUS EVENTS IF:

(I) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GREATER MONDAWMIN COORDINATING COUNCIL; AND

(II) THE BOARD WAIVES ANY REQUIREMENTS THAT SALES CAN BE MADE ONLY TO MEMBERS AND THE GUESTS OF MEMBERS;

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(20) A CLASS C BEER AND WINE LICENSE ON THE ODD SIDE OF THE 800 BLOCK OF NORTH HOWARD STREET IN THE 40TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT IF:

(I) THE APPLICANT DOES NOT CONVERT THE LICENSE TO A DIFFERENT LICENSE CLASS;

(II) THE APPLICANT DOES NOT TRANSFER THE LICENSE TO A DIFFERENT LOCATION;

(III) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SERVED ONLY TO PATRONS INDOORS;

(IV) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SALES BEGIN NOT EARLIER THAN 10 A.M. AND END NOT LATER THAN 9 P.M.;

(V) THE APPLICANT PROVIDES NOT MORE THAN TWO 12-OUNCE OFFERINGS OF BEER OR TWO 6-OUNCE OFFERINGS OF WINE BY THE GLASS FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION BY A PATRON WHILE THE PATRON IS PROVIDED A BARBERING SERVICE REGULATED UNDER TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE;

(VI) THE BOARD WAIVES ANY REQUIREMENTS THAT SALES CAN BE MADE ONLY TO MEMBERS AND THE GUESTS OF MEMBERS; AND

(VII) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MOUNT VERNON – BELVEDERE ASSOCIATION; AND

~~(21) A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE FOR A RESTAURANT ON THE EVEN SIDE OF THE 1100 BLOCK OF HOLLINS STREET IN THE 40TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT IF:~~

~~(I) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE HOLLINS ROUNDHOUSE ASSOCIATION; AND~~

~~(II) THE BOARD WAIVES THE MINIMUM SEATING REQUIREMENT UNDER ITEM (1)(II)2 OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND~~

~~(22)~~ A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE FOR A RESTAURANT ON THE EVEN SIDE OF THE UNIT BLOCK OF SOUTH CARROLLTON AVENUE IN THE 40TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT IF:

(I) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE HOLLINS ROUNDHOUSE ASSOCIATION; AND

(II) THE BOARD WAIVES THE MINIMUM SEATING REQUIREMENT UNDER ITEM (1)(II)2 OF THIS SUBSECTION.

12-2005.

(d) (1) This subsection does not apply to:

(i) a Class B beer and light wine (restaurant) license;

(ii) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor (restaurant) license issued under § 12-1603(c)(1)(ii) of this title;

(iii) a Class B-BWL (H-M) license;

(iv) a Class C beer and wine license;

(v) a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license;

(vi) an arena license; [or]

(vii) a marketplace license; OR

(VIII) A CLASS M-F (MUNICIPAL FAMILY FUN CENTER) LICENSE.

(2) For a license holder in the 40th alcoholic beverages district, the hours of sale for alcoholic beverages may not begin before 10 a.m. or end after 10 p.m.:

(i) within an area bounded:

1. from the intersection of Reisterstown Road and Quantico Avenue, northwest on Reisterstown Road to the intersection with Wylie Avenue, northeast on Wylie Avenue to the intersection with Pimlico Road, northwest on Pimlico Road to the intersection with Dupont Avenue, east on Dupont Avenue to the intersection with Pall Mall Road, southeast on Pall Mall Road to the intersection with Edgecombe Circle North, east on Edgecombe Circle North to the intersection with Finney Avenue, south on Finney Avenue to the intersection with Oakford Avenue, west on Oakford Avenue to the intersection with Pall Mall Road, southeast on Pall Mall Road to the intersection with Loyola Northway, southwest on Loyola Northway to the intersection with Pimlico Road, southeast on Pimlico Road to the intersection with Quantico Avenue, and southwest on Quantico Avenue to the intersection with Reisterstown Road; and

2. from the intersection of Millington Avenue with Wilkens Avenue, northwest on Millington Avenue to the intersection with Frederick Avenue,

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northeast on Frederick Avenue to the intersection with West Pratt Street, east on West Pratt Street to the intersection with South Mount Street, south on South Mount Street to the intersection with Eagle Street, southwest on Eagle Street to the intersection with South Smallwood Street, northwest on South Smallwood Street to the intersection with Wilkens Avenue, and southwest on Wilkens Avenue to the intersection with Millington Avenue;

(ii) within the area of West North Avenue between the 1000 block of West North Avenue and the 3200 block of West North Avenue, inclusive; [and]

(iii) for a license holder within 250 yards in any direction of the area described in item (ii) of this paragraph; AND

(IV) WITHIN AN AREA BOUNDED AS FOLLOWS: FROM THE INTERSECTION OF NORTH FULTON AVENUE WITH NORTH AVENUE, NORTH ON NORTH FULTON AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION WITH PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NORTHEAST ON NORTH FULTON AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION WITH DRUID HILL AVENUE, SOUTHEAST ON DRUID HILL AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION WITH MOSHER STREET, SOUTHWEST ON MOSHER STREET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH NORTH CAREY STREET, NORTH ON NORTH CAREY STREET TO THE INTERSECTION WITH NORTH AVENUE, AND WEST ON NORTH AVENUE TO THE INTERSECTION WITH NORTH FULTON AVENUE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

BALTIMORE CITY

SB 1013

Alcoholic Beverages - License Extension

 JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 12-1705

SUMMARY: Considers a Class B-D-7 license for a premises on the 5700 block of Falls Road unexpired until July 1, 2026, to allow ownership transfer and renewal at the same location.

WES MOORE, Governor

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Chapter 827

(Senate Bill 1013)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – License Extension

FOR the purpose of extending for a certain amount of time the expiration of an alcoholic beverages license issued for a certain area of Baltimore City for transfer and renewal purposes; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore City.

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That, notwithstanding § 12–1705 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, a Class B–D–7 license issued for a premises on the 5700 block of Falls Road shall be considered unexpired until the end of July 1, 2026, for the purpose of completing a transfer of ownership and renewal at the same location.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the end of July 31, 2026, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.





ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

BALTIMORE COUNTY

HB 746

Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Transfers

 JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 13-1604 (b), (c)(6), and (e)(2)

SUMMARY:

- ▶ Allows the Board to approve the transfer of a Class B or D license existing on June 1, 2025, to another election district if approved between June 1, 2025, and May 31, 2028.
- ▶ Limits the Board to authorizing no more than five transfers of Class B or D licenses in existence on June 1, 2025.

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(House Bill 746)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Transfers

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County to approve the transfer of a Class B or Class D license existing on a certain date that is located in an eligible transferor district to another election district under certain circumstances; limiting the number of license transfers that the Board may approve from an eligible transferor district; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Baltimore County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 13–102 and 13–1604(a)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 13–1604(b), (c)(6), and (e)(2)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

13–102.

This title applies only in Baltimore County.

13–1604.

(a) In this section, “eligible transferor district” means an election district in which the total number of Class B and Class D licenses, excluding exception licenses, is 10% or greater than the total number of Class B and Class D licenses that are allowed in an election district based on the rule of the Board that limits the total number of licenses available in an election district by population.

(b) (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, the Board may approve the transfer of a Class B or Class D license in existence in an eligible transferor district on June 1, [2022] **2025**, to another election district if:

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(i) the approval occurs anytime from June 1, [2022] **2025**, to May 31, [2025] **2028**, both inclusive; and

(ii) prior to the transfer, the number of licenses in existence in the election district to which the license is to be transferred is not greater than 25% more than the number of licenses that would otherwise exist in that election district, based on the rule of the Board that limits the total number of licenses available in an election district by population.

(2) (i) The Board may not authorize the transfer of more than five Class B or Class D licenses in existence on June 1, [2022] **2025**, in total under this section.

(ii) Not more than two licenses may be transferred under this subsection into any single election district.

(3) (i) When the Board receives an application to transfer a license under this section, the Board shall notify the county Department of Economic and Workforce Development.

(ii) 1. This subparagraph applies when the license holder owns the property from which the license is to be transferred.

2. The application to transfer a license shall include information on the status of the real property associated with the license to be transferred and any plans for disposition and future use of the property after the transfer of the license.

3. Except as provided in subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph, the Board shall deny a transfer under this section if it determines, based on an assessment provided by the county Department of Economic and Workforce Development, that:

A. the applicant has not demonstrated that there is an appropriate future use of the property from which the license is to be transferred after the transfer; or

B. the transfer will result in significant negative economic impact to the community that surrounds the property from which the license is to be transferred.

(iii) 1. This subparagraph applies when the license holder has no ownership in the property from which the license is to be transferred.

2. The county Department of Economic and Workforce Development may submit a letter to the Board regarding the economic impact the transfer of the license will have on the community that surrounds the property from which the license is to be transferred.

3. The Board may deny a transfer under this section based on the letter received in accordance with subsubparagraph 2 of this subparagraph, unless the Board finds that the applicant has undertaken a good faith effort to facilitate a future use of the property by advising the property owner of the intention to transfer the license to another location.

4. The applicant may submit information to the Board in support of the transfer of the license.

(iv) The Board may waive the requirement under subparagraph (ii)3 of this paragraph if, with the concurrence of the county Department of Economic and Workforce Development, the Board finds that the license holder has undertaken good faith efforts to facilitate a future use of the property and mitigate any negative economic impacts to the surrounding community.

(c) (6) A Class B or D license transferred under subsection [(a)] **(B)** of this section or a Class B Service Bar (SB) license issued under this subsection may not thereafter be transferred from the licensed premises or converted to another class of license.

(e) (2) Subject to the 25% allowance authorized in subsection [(a)(1)(ii)] **(B)(1)(II)** of this section, the Board shall consider a license transferred under this section to be a regular license and not an exception license for determining the total number of licenses available in an election district based on the rule of the Board.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

BALTIMORE COUNTY**HB 987****Class B-OB-CRD (Office Building - Commercial Revitalization District) Beer, Wine, and Liquor License**

 JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 13-1001.1 and 13-1601

SUMMARY:

- ▶ Creates a Class B-OB-CRD Beer, Wine, and Liquor License for a restaurant that:
 - ▶ Is in the Towson Revitalization District and an office building of at least 100,000 square feet,
 - » Has or had a BM-D.T. zoning classification, and
 - » Is at least 100 feet from a place of worship.
- ▶ Limits the county to one Class B-OB-CRD license.
- ▶ Authorizes the licensee to sell:
 - » Beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption, and
 - » Wine for off-premises consumption if it is purchased with prepared food (excluding prepackaged snacks) and not displayed in a publicly accessible area.
- ▶ Limits bar seating to no more than 25% of the total seating on the licensed premises.
- ▶ Allows the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor during the same hours and days permitted for a Class B license.
- ▶ Sets the annual license fee equal to that of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license.
- ▶ Prohibits the Board from issuing a license for an establishment within 300 feet of a place of worship or school, unless the place of worship provides written consent.

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(House Bill 987)

AN ACT concerning

**Baltimore County – Alcoholic Beverages – ~~Distance From Place of Worship~~
~~Restriction – Exception~~ Class B–OB–CRD (Office Building – Commercial
 Revitalization District) Beer, Wine, and Liquor License**

FOR the purpose of establishing a Class B–OB–CRD (office building – commercial revitalization district) beer, wine, and liquor license in Baltimore County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County to issue a beer, wine, and liquor the license to an establishment that previously had or has a certain zoning classification and is within a certain distance of at least a certain distance from a place of worship under certain circumstances and subject to certain limitations; providing a certain exception to a prohibition against issuing the license for an establishment that is within a certain distance of a place of worship; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore County.

BY renumbering

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 13–1001.1
to be Section 13–1001.2
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 13–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 13–1001.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 13–1601
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 13–1001.1 of Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 13–1001.2.

~~SECTION 1.2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,~~ That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

13–102.

This title applies only in Baltimore County.

13–1001.1.

(A) (1) THERE IS A CLASS B–OB–CRD (OFFICE BUILDING – COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION DISTRICT) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(2) THE BOARD MAY NOT ISSUE MORE THAN ONE CLASS B–OB–CRD LICENSE IN THE COUNTY.

(B) (1) THE CLASS B–OB–CRD LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED ONLY FOR A RESTAURANT THAT:

(I) IS LOCATED IN:

1. THE TOWSON COMMERCIAL REVITALIZATION DISTRICT, AS DEFINED BY THE BALTIMORE COUNTY COUNCIL; AND

2. AN OFFICE BUILDING THAT IS AT LEAST 100,000 SQUARE FEET IN SIZE;

(II) PREVIOUSLY HAD OR HAS A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF BM–D.T. BY THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT; AND

(III) IS AT LEAST 100 FEET FROM A PLACE OF WORSHIP.

(2) THE CLASS B–OB–CRD LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO SELL:

(I) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FOR ON–PREMISES CONSUMPTION; AND

(II) WINE FOR OFF–PREMISES CONSUMPTION IF THE WINE:

1. IS PURCHASED ALONG WITH PREPARED FOOD OTHER THAN PREPACKAGED SNACKS; AND

2. IS NOT DISPLAYED IN AN AREA ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC.

(C) THE NUMBER OF SEATS AT THE BAR ON THE LICENSED PREMISES MAY NOT EXCEED 25% OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF SEATS ON THE LICENSED PREMISES.

(D) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR DURING THE HOURS AND DAYS AS SET OUT FOR A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE UNDER § 13-2004 OF THIS TITLE.

(E) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS EQUAL TO THE FEE FOR A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE UNDER § 13-902 OF THIS TITLE.

13-1601.

(a) (1) Except as provided in ~~subsection~~ **SUBSECTIONS** (b) ~~AND (c)~~ of this section, the Board may not issue a license for an establishment that is within 300 feet of a place of worship or school.

(2) The distance from the establishment to the place of worship or school is to be measured from the nearest point of the building of the establishment to the nearest point of the building of the place of worship or school.

(b) The prohibition against issuing a license in subsection (a) of this section does not apply to:

(1) the renewal or transfer of a license of an establishment if, after issuance of the license, a place of worship or school was built within 300 feet of the establishment;

(2) the issuance of a temporary license;

(3) a transfer that moves the licensed premises within the same building;

(4) a transfer of ownership of the licensed premises;

(5) the renewal of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor (on-sale) license or a 7-day Class BDR (deluxe restaurant) (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license, if the licensed premises has a seating capacity of more than 50 individuals and is within a town center; ~~or~~

(6) the transfer, conversion, and issuance of a license under § 13-1710 of this title; **OR**

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(7) THE ISSUANCE OF A LICENSE UNDER § 13-1001.1 OF THIS TITLE FOR AN ESTABLISHMENT WITHIN 300 FEET OF A PLACE OF WORSHIP, IF THE PLACE OF WORSHIP CONSENTS IN WRITING TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE.

~~**(C) THE PROHIBITION AGAINST ISSUING A LICENSE IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION DOES NOT APPLY TO THE ISSUANCE OF A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE FOR ON-OR-OFF PREMISES CONSUMPTION FOR AN ESTABLISHMENT THAT IS WITHIN 300 FEET OF A PLACE OF WORSHIP IF:**~~

~~**(1) THE ESTABLISHMENT IS LOCATED IN THE TOWSON AREA, AS DETERMINED BY THE BOARD;**~~

~~**(2) THE ESTABLISHMENT IS LOCATED IN AN OFFICE BUILDING THAT IS AT LEAST 100,000 SQUARE FEET IN SIZE;**~~

~~**(3) THE ESTABLISHMENT HAS A ZONING CLASSIFICATION OF BM-D.T. BY THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT;**~~

~~**(4) THE PLACE OF WORSHIP CONSENTS IN WRITING TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE; AND**~~

~~**(5) (I) THE LICENSE IS TO APPLY TO A RESTAURANT, A MARKET, OR ANOTHER SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENT; AND**~~

~~**(II) THE LICENSE IS NOT A CLASS A LICENSE.**~~

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

BALTIMORE COUNTY

HB 1141

Alcoholic Beverages - Change of Location

📅 APRIL 22, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 13-1702.

SUMMARY:

- ▶ This bill expands the circumstances under which the Board of License Commissioners may approve a change of location for alcoholic beverages licenses.
- ▶ Adds a new condition allowing a move if the license was originally issued in the same election district and has remained at the same location for at least 10 years.

WES MOORE, Governor

Ch. 193

Chapter 193

(House Bill 1141)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Alcoholic Beverages – Change of Location

FOR the purpose of establishing an additional circumstance under which the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore County may approve a change of location for a certain alcoholic beverages license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Baltimore County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 13–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 13–1702
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

13–102.

This title applies only in Baltimore County.

13–1702.

(a) If the Board approves an application from a contract purchaser, an owner of the location, or a developer under § 13–1404 of this title, the applicant may apply to transfer the license to an operator of the type of business for which the license was approved if:

(1) the license is for a location in the site for which the license was approved; and

(2) the application for transfer occurs within 5 years after the original application for the site is approved or construction at the location is completed, whichever is later.

(b) Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the Board may approve a change of location of a license issued under § 13–1404 of this title if:

(1) the license holder has engaged in an active alcoholic beverages business under the license for at least 1 year before applying for the change; [or]

(2) (i) the license holder has not engaged in an active alcoholic beverages business under the license; and

(ii) the Board approved a change of location of the license from another location within the same [county] election district at least 5 years before the application for the change of location under this item; **OR**

(3) THE LICENSE WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED WITHIN THE SAME ELECTION DISTRICT AND HAS BEEN AT THE SAME LOCATION FOR AT LEAST 10 YEARS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three–fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.

Approved by the Governor, April 22, 2025.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

BALTIMORE COUNTY

HB1145

Waiting Period After License Denial

 JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 13-1501(b), 13-1506

SUMMARY:

- ▶ If an alcohol license application is denied, no new application for the same location may be submitted for 1 year.
- ▶ After two denials for the same location, no license may be issued there for 2 years.

Chapter 841

(House Bill 1145)

AN ACT concerning

Baltimore County – Alcoholic Beverages – Waiting Period After License Denial

FOR the purpose of establishing in Baltimore County certain waiting periods for the application for or issuance of an alcoholic beverages license if an application for a license at that location has previously been denied; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Baltimore County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 4–214 and 13–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 13–1501(b)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 13–1506
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

4–214.

(a) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section:

(1) if a license is denied, another license application may not be considered from the same applicant or for the same location for 6 months after the denial; and

(2) if a subsequent application by the same applicant or for the same location is denied within a 2–year period immediately after the first denial, another application may not be considered from that applicant or for that location until the 2–year period expires.

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(b) This section does not apply to:

(1) an applicant, if the license was denied because it was not necessary to accommodate the public or the location was not suitable for the sale of alcoholic beverages; or

(2) the location, if the license was denied because the local licensing board determined that the applicant was not a proper person to be issued the license.

13–102.

This title applies only in Baltimore County.

13–1501.

(b) The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 2 (“Issuance or Denial of Local Licenses”) of Division I of this article apply in the county:

(1) § 4–202 (“Authority of local licensing boards”), subject to § 13–1502 of this subtitle;

(2) § 4–203 (“Prohibition against issuing multiple licenses to individual or for use of entity”), subject to § 13–1503 of this subtitle and Subtitle 13, Part III of this title;

(3) § 4–204 (“Prohibition against issuing multiple licenses for same premises”), subject to Subtitle 13, Part III and Subtitle 16, Part II of this title;

(4) § 4–208 (“Notice of license application required”), subject to § 13–1504 of this subtitle; and

(5) § 4–214 (“Waiting periods after denial of license applications”), subject to [§ 13–1505] **§§ 13–1505 AND 13–1506** of this subtitle.

13–1506.

(A) IF A LICENSE APPLICATION IS DENIED, ANOTHER LICENSE APPLICATION FOR THE SAME LOCATION MAY NOT BE MADE FOR 1 YEAR AFTER THE DENIAL.

(B) IF A LICENSE APPLICATION FOR A LOCATION IS DENIED TWICE, A LICENSE MAY NOT BE ISSUED FOR THE SAME LOCATION FOR 2 YEARS AFTER THE SECOND DENIAL.

WES MOORE, Governor

Ch. 841

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES
CAROLINE COUNTY

SB 910 / HB 1335



Special Event Venue License and Multiple Event Licenses

 EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 15-1004, 15-1308, 15-1309

SUMMARY:

- ▶ Creates a Special Event Venue Beer, Wine, and Liquor License for a venue owner, valid for all events listed in the application and limited to one premises.
- ▶ Authorizes the licensee to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption.
- ▶ Prohibits transferring the license to another location.
- ▶ Allows the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours set by county law for special event venues.
- ▶ Requires the license holder to purchase beer, wine, and liquor only from a licensed wholesaler.
- ▶ Subjects the license holder to alcohol awareness training requirements
- ▶ Establishes the fees for a Special Event Venue license at:
 - » 250 for 10 events or less per year,
 - » \$500 for 20 events or less per year,
 - » \$750 for 30 events or less per year, and
 - » \$1,000 for 40 events or less per year.
- ▶ Allows a multiple event license holder to store alcohol on the premises between events if it is kept in a locked, secured, clearly marked location and only used during licensed event hours.
- ▶ Requires the license holder to keep complete records of all alcoholic beverages bought and sold, maintain them on the premises for 2 years, and make them available for inspection to the Board, Comptroller, and the Executive Director of the ATCC.
 - » Records must include a pre- and post-inventory for each event.
- ▶ Authorizes personnel from the Comptroller, Executive Director, and Board to inspect the license holder's premises.
- ▶ Penalizes a license holder who violates this subsection with:
 - » A \$100 fine for the first offense, and
 - » Up to a \$500 fine and denial of future individual or multiple event licenses for subsequent offenses.

WES MOORE, Governor

Ch. 830

Chapter 830

(Senate Bill 910)

AN ACT concerning

Caroline County – Alcoholic Beverages – Special Event Venue License and Multiple Event Licenses

FOR the purpose of establishing the ~~rural~~ special event venue beer, wine, and liquor license ~~as a multiple event license~~ in Caroline County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Caroline County to issue the license to the owner of a venue with a certain zoning classification; authorizing holders of certain multiple event licenses in Caroline County to store alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises for a certain purpose; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Caroline County.

~~BY renumbering~~

~~Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 15–1309
to be Section 15–1310
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 15–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section ~~15–1309~~ 15–1004
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 15–1308
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,~~
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section ~~15–1310~~ 15–1309
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)
~~(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)~~

~~SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 15-1309 of Article — Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 15-1310.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

15-102.

This title applies only in Caroline County.

~~15-1309.~~ 15-1004.

(A) THERE IS A ~~RURAL~~ SPECIAL EVENT VENUE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE:

(1) TO THE OWNER OF A ~~VENUE THAT IS ZONED AS A RURAL~~ SPECIAL EVENT VENUE ~~UNDER COUNTY LAW~~; AND

(2) (I) TO THE SAME APPLICANT FOR ALL EVENTS FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS ISSUED; AND

(II) FOR USE AT ONLY ONE PREMISES.

(C) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.

(D) THE LICENSE MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER LOCATION.

(E) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR DURING THE HOURS SET IN COUNTY LAW FOR ~~RURAL~~ SPECIAL EVENT VENUES.

(F) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY PURCHASE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR ONLY FROM A LICENSED WHOLESALER.

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(G) A LICENSE HOLDER IS SUBJECT TO THE ALCOHOL AWARENESS TRAINING REQUIREMENTS UNDER ~~§ 4-505~~ OF THIS ARTICLE AND ~~§ 15-1902~~ OF THIS TITLE.

(H) THE FEE FOR A ~~RURAL~~ SPECIAL EVENT VENUE LICENSE IS:

- (1) \$250 FOR NOT MORE THAN 10 EVENTS PER YEAR;
- (2) \$500 FOR NOT MORE THAN 20 EVENTS PER YEAR;
- (3) \$750 FOR NOT MORE THAN 30 EVENTS PER YEAR; AND
- (4) \$1,000 FOR NOT MORE THAN 40 EVENTS PER YEAR.

15-1308.

(a) Instead of issuing individual event licenses, the Board may issue a multiple event license for a particular class of license.

(b) The number of days for which a multiple event license may be used by a single applicant may not exceed 40 per calendar year.

(c) (1) A multiple event license shall be issued:

(i) for one premises only; and

(ii) except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, to the same applicant for all events for which the license is issued.

(2) The Board may:

(i) approve in writing a substitute applicant; and

(ii) before approving a substitute applicant, hold a hearing.

(d) A server who is certified as having completed an alcohol awareness program shall be on the premises for which a multiple event license is issued when alcoholic beverages are served.

(E) (1) THE HOLDER OF A MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION MAY STORE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON THE LICENSED PREMISES BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED EVENTS IF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:

(I) ARE IN A SPECIALLY IDENTIFIED LOCKED AND SECURED LOCATION; AND

(II) ARE NOT SOLD OR CONSUMED EXCEPT DURING LICENSED EVENT HOURS FOR LICENSED EVENT PURPOSES.

(2) (I) THE LICENSE HOLDER SHALL KEEP COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RECORDS OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES PURCHASED AND SOLD ON THE LICENSED PREMISES.

(II) THE RECORDS SHALL BE:

1. MAINTAINED ON THE LICENSED PREMISES FOR 2 YEARS; AND

2. AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL OF THE COMPTROLLER, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND THE BOARD.

(III) THE RECORDS SHALL INCLUDE A COMPLETED PRE- AND POST-INVENTORY OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL EVENT.

(3) AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL OF THE COMPTROLLER, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND THE BOARD MAY INSPECT THE PREMISES OF THE LICENSE HOLDER AS PROVIDED UNDER § 6-202 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(4) A LICENSE HOLDER WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION IS SUBJECT TO:

(I) FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE, A FINE OF \$100; AND

(II) FOR A SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500 AND DENIAL OF FUTURE REQUESTS FOR A LICENSE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL EVENT OR A SPECIAL MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE.

[(e)] (F) (1) The fee for a multiple event license is:

(i) \$250 for not more than 10 events per year;

(ii) \$500 for not more than 20 events per year;

(iii) \$750 for not more than 30 events per year; and

(iv) \$1,000 for not more than 40 events per year.

WES MOORE, Governor

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(2) The Board may not issue a refund if the license holder holds fewer events during the calendar year than the number of events that the license holder is entitled to hold.

~~15-1310. [15-1309.]~~

~~(a) This section applies only to:~~

~~(1) volunteer fire companies; AND~~

~~(2) A HOLDER OF A MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE UNDER § 15-1308 OF THIS SUBTITLE OR A RURAL SPECIAL EVENT VENUE LICENSE UNDER § 15-1309 OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

~~(b) Alcoholic beverages may be stored on the licensed premises between individual licensed events if the alcoholic beverages:~~

~~(1) are in a specially identified locked and secured location; and~~

~~(2) are not sold or consumed except during licensed event hours for licensed event purposes.~~

~~(c) (1) A license holder shall keep complete and accurate records of all alcoholic beverages purchased and sold on the licensed premises.~~

~~(2) The records shall be:~~

~~(i) maintained on the licensed premises for 2 years; and~~

~~(ii) available for inspection by authorized personnel of the Comptroller, the Executive Director, and the Board.~~

~~(2) The records shall include a completed pre and post inventory of all alcoholic beverages for each individual event.~~

~~(d) Authorized personnel of the Comptroller, the Executive Director, and the Board may inspect the premises of a license holder as provided under § 6-202 of this article.~~

~~(e) A license holder who violates this section is subject to:~~

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~~(2) for a subsequent offense, a fine not exceeding \$500 and denial of future requests for a license for an individual event or a special multiple event license.~~

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SECTION ~~3~~ 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

WES MOORE, Governor

Ch. 831

Chapter 831

(House Bill 1335)

AN ACT concerning

**Caroline County – Alcoholic Beverages – ~~Rural~~ Special Event Venue License
and Multiple Event Licenses**

FOR the purpose of establishing the ~~rural~~ special event venue beer, wine, and liquor license ~~as a multiple event license~~ in Caroline County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Caroline County to issue the license to the owner of a venue with a certain zoning classification; authorizing holders of certain multiple event licenses in Caroline County to store alcoholic beverages on the licensed premises for a certain purpose; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Caroline County.

BY renumbering

~~Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis~~
~~Section 15–1300~~
~~to be Section 15–1310~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
~~(2024 Replacement Volume)~~

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 15–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section ~~15–1300~~ 15–1004
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 15–1308
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing ~~and reenacting, with amendments,~~
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section ~~15–1310~~ 15–1309
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)
~~(As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)~~

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~~SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 15-1309 of Article — Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 15-1310.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

15-102.

This title applies only in Caroline County.

~~15-1309.~~ 15-1004.

(A) THERE IS A ~~RURAL~~ SPECIAL EVENT VENUE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

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(2) (I) TO THE SAME APPLICANT FOR ALL EVENTS FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS ISSUED; AND

(II) FOR USE AT ONLY ONE PREMISES.

(C) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.

(D) THE LICENSE MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER LOCATION.

(E) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR DURING THE HOURS SET IN COUNTY LAW FOR ~~RURAL~~ SPECIAL EVENT VENUES.

(F) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY PURCHASE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR ONLY FROM A LICENSED WHOLESALER.

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(a) Instead of issuing individual event licenses, the Board may issue a multiple event license for a particular class of license.

(b) The number of days for which a multiple event license may be used by a single applicant may not exceed 40 per calendar year.

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(i) approve in writing a substitute applicant; and

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(d) A server who is certified as having completed an alcohol awareness program shall be on the premises for which a multiple event license is issued when alcoholic beverages are served.

(E) (1) THE HOLDER OF A MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION MAY STORE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ON THE LICENSED PREMISES BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL LICENSED EVENTS IF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES:

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(II) THE RECORDS SHALL BE:

1. MAINTAINED ON THE LICENSED PREMISES FOR 2 YEARS; AND

2. AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION BY AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL OF THE COMPTROLLER, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND THE BOARD.

(III) THE RECORDS SHALL INCLUDE A COMPLETED PRE- AND POST-INVENTORY OF ALL ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL EVENT.

(3) AUTHORIZED PERSONNEL OF THE COMPTROLLER, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AND THE BOARD MAY INSPECT THE PREMISES OF THE LICENSE HOLDER AS PROVIDED UNDER § 6-202 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(4) A LICENSE HOLDER WHO VIOLATES THIS SUBSECTION IS SUBJECT TO:

(I) FOR THE FIRST OFFENSE, A FINE OF \$100; AND

(II) FOR A SUBSEQUENT OFFENSE, A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$500 AND DENIAL OF FUTURE REQUESTS FOR A LICENSE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL EVENT OR A SPECIAL MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE.

~~[(e)] (F)~~ (1) The fee for a multiple event license is:

(i) \$250 for not more than 10 events per year;

(ii) \$500 for not more than 20 events per year;

(iii) \$750 for not more than 30 events per year; and

(iv) \$1,000 for not more than 40 events per year.

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(2) The Board may not issue a refund if the license holder holds fewer events during the calendar year than the number of events that the license holder is entitled to hold.

~~15-1310. [15-1309.]~~

~~(a) This section applies only to:~~

~~(1) volunteer fire companies; AND~~

~~(2) A HOLDER OF A MULTIPLE EVENT LICENSE UNDER § 15-1308 OF THIS SUBTITLE OR A RURAL SPECIAL EVENT VENUE LICENSE UNDER § 15-1309 OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

~~(b) Alcoholic beverages may be stored on the licensed premises between individual licensed events if the alcoholic beverages:~~

~~(1) are in a specially identified locked and secured location; and~~

~~(2) are not sold or consumed except during licensed event hours for licensed event purposes.~~

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~~(2) The records shall be:~~

~~(i) maintained on the licensed premises for 2 years; and~~

~~(ii) available for inspection by authorized personnel of the Comptroller, the Executive Director, and the Board.~~

~~(2) The records shall include a completed pre and post inventory of all alcoholic beverages for each individual event.~~

~~(d) Authorized personnel of the Comptroller, the Executive Director, and the Board may inspect the premises of a license holder as provided under § 6-202 of this article.~~

~~(e) A license holder who violates this section is subject to:~~

~~(1) for the first offense, a fine of \$100; and~~

~~(2) for a subsequent offense, a fine not exceeding \$500 and denial of future requests for a license for an individual event or a special multiple event license.~~

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SECTION ~~3~~ 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.





ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

CHARLES COUNTY**SB 731 / HB 835****Baseball Stadium License - Alterations** EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025**STATUTES AFFECTED:** Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 19-1001**SUMMARY:**

- ▶ Authorizes a Class B-Stadium (baseball) beer, wine, and liquor license holder to sell alcohol inside a county-owned baseball stadium, excluding parking areas, during games or events.
 - » Allows patrons to consume alcohol anywhere on the premises except in parking areas.
- ▶ Removes styrofoam and allows alcohol to be served in other nonglass containers

WES MOORE, Governor

Ch. 785

Chapter 785

(Senate Bill 731)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages – Baseball Stadium License – Alterations

FOR the purpose of altering the areas in which beer, wine, and liquor may be sold and consumed under a Class B–Stadium (baseball stadium) beer, wine, and liquor license in Charles County; altering the types of containers in which beer, wine, and liquor may be served; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Charles County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 18–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 18–1001
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

18–102.

This title applies only in Charles County.

18–1001.

(a) There is a Class B–Stadium (baseball stadium) beer, wine, and liquor license.

(b) The Board may issue the license to:

(1) the owner of a professional team franchise, whether the franchise is a partnership, corporation, or limited liability company; or

(2) a private concessionaire that is under contract with the county or a professional baseball team franchise.

(c) (1) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor on the premises of a baseball stadium owned or operated by the county, **EXCLUDING ANY PARKING AREAS**, to individuals present at a baseball game or other event held at the stadium.

(2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, beer, wine, and liquor shall be served in plastic, [Styrofoam, or] paper, **OR OTHER NONGLASS** containers on the stadium premises.

(ii) Beer, wine, and liquor may be served in glass containers in an enclosed stadium dining area in which patrons are seated.

(3) A patron[:

(i)] may consume and carry beer [and], wine, **AND LIQUOR** anywhere on the stadium premises, **EXCLUDING ANY PARKING AREAS**]; but

(ii) 1. may consume liquor only in an enclosed stadium dining area or bar; and

2. may not carry liquor out of the enclosed stadium dining area or bar].

(4) The license holder may not allow an individual to carry alcoholic beverages onto or from the licensed premises.

(d) Except as provided in regulations adopted under subsection (e) of this section, the license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours and days as set out for a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license under § 18–2004 of this title.

(e) The Board may adopt regulations relating to:

- (1) the manner of serving alcoholic beverages;
- (2) the number of outlets authorized to serve alcoholic beverages; and
- (3) the hours and days of sale.

(f) The annual license fee is \$2,200.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

WES MOORE, Governor

Ch. 784

Chapter 784

(House Bill 835)

AN ACT concerning

Charles County – Alcoholic Beverages – Baseball Stadium License – Alterations

FOR the purpose of altering the areas in which beer, wine, and liquor may be sold and consumed under a Class B–Stadium (baseball stadium) beer, wine, and liquor license in Charles County; altering the types of containers in which beer, wine, and liquor may be served; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Charles County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 18–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 18–1001
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

18–102.

This title applies only in Charles County.

18–1001.

(a) There is a Class B–Stadium (baseball stadium) beer, wine, and liquor license.

(b) The Board may issue the license to:

(1) the owner of a professional team franchise, whether the franchise is a partnership, corporation, or limited liability company; or

(2) a private concessionaire that is under contract with the county or a professional baseball team franchise.

(c) (1) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor on the premises of a baseball stadium owned or operated by the county, **EXCLUDING ANY PARKING AREAS**, to individuals present at a baseball game or other event held at the stadium.

(2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, beer, wine, and liquor shall be served in plastic, [Styrofoam, or] paper, **OR OTHER NONGLASS** containers on the stadium premises.

(ii) Beer, wine, and liquor may be served in glass containers in an enclosed stadium dining area in which patrons are seated.

(3) A patron[:

(i)] may consume and carry beer [and], wine, **AND LIQUOR** anywhere on the stadium premises, **EXCLUDING ANY PARKING AREAS**]; but

(ii) 1. may consume liquor only in an enclosed stadium dining area or bar; and

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(4) The license holder may not allow an individual to carry alcoholic beverages onto or from the licensed premises.

(d) Except as provided in regulations adopted under subsection (e) of this section, the license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours and days as set out for a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license under § 18–2004 of this title.

(e) The Board may adopt regulations relating to:

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- (2) the number of outlets authorized to serve alcoholic beverages; and
- (3) the hours and days of sale.

(f) The annual license fee is \$2,200.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.





ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

DORCHESTER COUNTY**SB 800/ HB 567****Arts Beer and Wine License**

 EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Sections 19-102, 19-1001, and 19-1601

SUMMARY:

- ▶ Establishes an Arts Beer and Wine License to be issued to a nonprofit or for-profit retail business, such as an art center, gallery, or museum, primarily devoted to art with serious literary, artistic, scientific, or political value, that:
 - » Displays and sells original artwork, and
 - » It is located in a Department of Commerce approved Arts and Entertainment District.
- ▶ Prohibits issuing the license to businesses that display or sell commercially prepared or mass-produced artistic products.
- ▶ Allows the license holder to sell or serve beer and wine at retail for on-premises consumption when:
 - » Snacks are served, and
 - » From Monday through Sunday, during regular business hours between 10am and 10pm.
- ▶ Forbids transferring the license to another location.
- ▶ Sets the annual license fee at \$250.
- ▶ Adds the Arts Beer and Wine License to the 300-foot exemption, allowing issuance if the Board receives written consent from each nearby place of worship or school.

WES MOORE, Governor

Ch. 799

Chapter 799

(Senate Bill 800)

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Arts Beer and Wine License

FOR the purpose of establishing in Dorchester County an arts beer and wine license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer and wine for on–premises consumption; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County to issue the license to a nonprofit or for–profit retail business that engages in the display and sale of original artwork in a certain arts and entertainment district; authorizing the Board to issue the license to an establishment that is within a certain distance of a place of worship or school with the written consent of the place of worship or school; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Dorchester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 19–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 19–1001
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 19–1601
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

19–102.

This title applies only in Dorchester County.

19–1001.

(A) THERE IS AN ARTS BEER AND WINE LICENSE.

(B) (1) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO A NONPROFIT OR FOR-PROFIT RETAIL BUSINESS, INCLUDING AN ART CENTER, AN ART GALLERY, A MUSEUM, OR A SIMILAR BUSINESS THAT IS PRIMARILY DEVOTED TO ART THAT EXPRESSES MATTERS OF SERIOUS LITERARY, ARTISTIC, SCIENTIFIC, OR POLITICAL VALUE, THAT:

(I) ENGAGES IN THE DISPLAY AND SALE OF ORIGINAL ARTWORK; AND

(II) IS LOCATED IN AN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

(2) THE BOARD MAY NOT ISSUE THE LICENSE TO A BUSINESS THAT DISPLAYS AND SELLS COMMERCIALY PREPARED OR MASS-PRODUCED ARTISTIC PRODUCTS.

(3) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL OR SERVE BEER AND WINE:

(I) AT RETAIL FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION WHEN SNACKS ARE SERVED; AND

(II) ON MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS BUT NOT EARLIER THAN 10 A.M. AND NOT LATER THAN 10 P.M.

(4) THE LICENSE MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE LOCATION FOR WHICH THE LICENSE WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED TO ANOTHER LOCATION.

(C) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$250.**(D) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.**

19-1601.

(a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Board may not issue a new license for an establishment that is within 300 feet in a direct line of a place of worship or a public or nonpublic kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school.

(2) The distance from the establishment to the place of worship or the public or nonpublic kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school is to be measured from the establishment in a direct line to the nearest point of the main building of the place of worship or school.

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(b) The prohibition against issuing a license in subsection (a) of this section does not apply to the issuance of:

(1) a license for a premises that was licensed on October 1, 1996;

(2) a Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license for a premises in Cambridge, Secretary, or Hurlock; [or]

(3) a temporary license; OR

(4) AN ARTS BEER AND WINE LICENSE IF THE BOARD RECEIVES WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE FROM EACH PLACE OF WORSHIP OR SCHOOL LOCATED WITHIN 300 FEET IN A DIRECT LINE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS SOUGHT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

Chapter 800

(House Bill 567)

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Arts Beer and Wine License

FOR the purpose of establishing in Dorchester County an arts beer and wine license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer and wine for on–premises consumption; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County to issue the license to a nonprofit or for–profit retail business that engages in the display and sale of original artwork in a certain arts and entertainment district; authorizing the Board to issue the license to an establishment that is within a certain distance of a place of worship or school with the written consent of the place of worship or school; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Dorchester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 19–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 19–1001
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 19–1601
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

19–102.

This title applies only in Dorchester County.

19–1001.

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(A) THERE IS AN ARTS BEER AND WINE LICENSE.

(B) (1) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO A NONPROFIT OR FOR-PROFIT RETAIL BUSINESS, INCLUDING AN ART CENTER, AN ART GALLERY, A MUSEUM, OR A SIMILAR BUSINESS THAT IS PRIMARILY DEVOTED TO ART THAT EXPRESSES MATTERS OF SERIOUS LITERARY, ARTISTIC, SCIENTIFIC, OR POLITICAL VALUE, THAT:

(I) ENGAGES IN THE DISPLAY AND SALE OF ORIGINAL ARTWORK; AND

(II) IS LOCATED IN AN ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT DISTRICT APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE.

(2) THE BOARD MAY NOT ISSUE THE LICENSE TO A BUSINESS THAT DISPLAYS AND SELLS COMMERCIALY PREPARED OR MASS-PRODUCED ARTISTIC PRODUCTS.

(3) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL OR SERVE BEER AND WINE:

(I) AT RETAIL FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION WHEN SNACKS ARE SERVED; AND

(II) ON MONDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS BUT NOT EARLIER THAN 10 A.M. AND NOT LATER THAN 10 P.M.

(4) THE LICENSE MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED FROM THE LOCATION FOR WHICH THE LICENSE WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED TO ANOTHER LOCATION.

(C) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$250.

(D) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

19-1601.

(a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Board may not issue a new license for an establishment that is within 300 feet in a direct line of a place of worship or a public or nonpublic kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school.

(2) The distance from the establishment to the place of worship or the public or nonpublic kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school is to be measured from the establishment in a direct line to the nearest point of the main building of the place of worship or school.

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(b) The prohibition against issuing a license in subsection (a) of this section does not apply to the issuance of:

(1) a license for a premises that was licensed on October 1, 1996;

(2) a Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license for a premises in Cambridge, Secretary, or Hurlock; [or]

(3) a temporary license; OR

(4) AN ARTS BEER AND WINE LICENSE IF THE BOARD RECEIVES WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE FROM EACH PLACE OF WORSHIP OR SCHOOL LOCATED WITHIN 300 FEET IN A DIRECT LINE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS SOUGHT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

DORCHESTER COUNTY**SB 802 / HB 564****Venue Beer, Wine, and Liquor License**
 EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Sections 19-1001, and 19-1601

SUMMARY:

- ▶ Establishes a Venue Beer, Wine, and Liquor License to be issued to a nonprofit or for-profit retail business that hosts private or public events.
- ▶ The venue shall meet the following requirements:
 - » Occupy at least 2,000 square feet
 - » Accommodate at least 100 people for a single event, indoors or outdoors, and
 - » Provide adequate bathroom facilities.
- ▶ Authorizes the license holder to sell or serve beer, wine, and liquor by the drink or bottle for on-premises consumption during events at their venue, only when food is also provided.
- ▶ Prohibits individuals from bringing alcoholic drinks onto or taking them off the premises.
- ▶ Forbids transferring the license to another location.
- ▶ Allows the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor during the same hours and days as a Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor license
- ▶ Sets the annual license fee at \$1,500.
- ▶ Adds the Venue Beer, Wine, and Liquor License to the exemption from the 300-foot restriction, allowing issuance if the Board receives written consent from each nearby place of worship or school.

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(Senate Bill 802)

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Venue Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

FOR the purpose of establishing in Dorchester County a venue beer, wine, and liquor license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption during an event where food is served; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County to issue the license to a nonprofit or for-profit retail business that hosts private or public events at a venue that meets certain criteria; authorizing the Board to issue the license to an establishment that is within a certain distance of a place of worship or school with the written consent of the place of worship or school; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Dorchester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 19–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 19–1001
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 19–1601
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

19–102.

This title applies only in Dorchester County.

19–1001.

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2025 LAWS OF MARYLAND

(A) THERE IS A VENUE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO A NONPROFIT OR FOR-PROFIT RETAIL BUSINESS THAT HOSTS WEDDINGS, BANQUETS, PARTIES, MEETINGS, AND SIMILAR EVENTS, WHETHER PRIVATE OR OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AT A VENUE THAT:

(1) IS AT LEAST 2,000 SQUARE FEET IN SIZE;

(2) CAN ACCOMMODATE AT LEAST 100 INDIVIDUALS FOR A SINGLE EVENT, WHETHER INSIDE THE VENUE OR OUTSIDE ON THE VENUE'S PREMISES; AND

(3) HAS ADEQUATE BATHROOM FACILITIES.

(C) (1) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL OR SERVE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR AT RETAIL, BY THE DRINK OR BY THE BOTTLE, FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION:

(I) DURING AN EVENT HOSTED BY THE LICENSE HOLDER AT THE LICENSE HOLDER'S VENUE; AND

(II) ONLY IF FOOD IS ALSO PROVIDED DURING THE EVENT.

(2) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY NOT ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL TO CARRY BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR ONTO OR OFF THE LICENSED PREMISES.

(D) THE LICENSE MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER LOCATION.

(E) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR DURING THE HOURS AND DAYS AS SET OUT FOR A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE UNDER § 19-2005 OF THIS TITLE.

(F) THE ANNUAL FEE FOR THE LICENSE IS \$1,500.

(G) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

19-1601.

(a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Board may not issue a new license for an establishment that is within 300 feet in a direct line of a place of worship or a public or nonpublic kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school.

(2) The distance from the establishment to the place of worship or the public or nonpublic kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school is to be measured from

the establishment in a direct line to the nearest point of the main building of the place of worship or school.

(b) The prohibition against issuing a license in subsection (a) of this section does not apply to the issuance of:

(1) a license for a premises that was licensed on October 1, 1996;

(2) a Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license for a premises in Cambridge, Secretary, or Hurlock; [or]

(3) a temporary license; OR

(4) A VENUE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE IF THE BOARD RECEIVES WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE FROM EACH PLACE OF WORSHIP OR SCHOOL LOCATED WITHIN 300 FEET IN A DIRECT LINE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS SOUGHT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

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Chapter 820

(House Bill 564)

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Venue Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

FOR the purpose of establishing in Dorchester County a venue beer, wine, and liquor license that authorizes the holder to sell or serve beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption during an event where food is served; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County to issue the license to a nonprofit or for-profit retail business that hosts private or public events at a venue that meets certain criteria; authorizing the Board to issue the license to an establishment that is within a certain distance of a place of worship or school with the written consent of the place of worship or school; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Dorchester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 19–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 19–1001
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 19–1601
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

19–102.

This title applies only in Dorchester County.

19–1001.

(A) THERE IS A VENUE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO A NONPROFIT OR FOR-PROFIT RETAIL BUSINESS THAT HOSTS WEDDINGS, BANQUETS, PARTIES, MEETINGS, AND SIMILAR EVENTS, WHETHER PRIVATE OR OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, AT A VENUE THAT:

(1) IS AT LEAST 2,000 SQUARE FEET IN SIZE;

(2) CAN ACCOMMODATE AT LEAST 100 INDIVIDUALS FOR A SINGLE EVENT, WHETHER INSIDE THE VENUE OR OUTSIDE ON THE VENUE'S PREMISES; AND

(3) HAS ADEQUATE BATHROOM FACILITIES.

(C) (1) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL OR SERVE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR AT RETAIL, BY THE DRINK OR BY THE BOTTLE, FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION:

(I) DURING AN EVENT HOSTED BY THE LICENSE HOLDER AT THE LICENSE HOLDER'S VENUE; AND

(II) ONLY IF FOOD IS ALSO PROVIDED DURING THE EVENT.

(2) A LICENSE HOLDER MAY NOT ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL TO CARRY BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR ONTO OR OFF THE LICENSED PREMISES.

(D) THE LICENSE MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER LOCATION.

(E) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR DURING THE HOURS AND DAYS AS SET OUT FOR A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE UNDER § 19-2005 OF THIS TITLE.

(F) THE ANNUAL FEE FOR THE LICENSE IS \$1,500.

(G) THE BOARD MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

19-1601.

(a) (1) Except as provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Board may not issue a new license for an establishment that is within 300 feet in a direct line of a place of worship or a public or nonpublic kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school.

(2) The distance from the establishment to the place of worship or the public or nonpublic kindergarten, elementary, or secondary school is to be measured from

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the establishment in a direct line to the nearest point of the main building of the place of worship or school.

(b) The prohibition against issuing a license in subsection (a) of this section does not apply to the issuance of:

(1) a license for a premises that was licensed on October 1, 1996;

(2) a Class B (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license for a premises in Cambridge, Secretary, or Hurlock; [or]

(3) a temporary license; OR

(4) A VENUE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE IF THE BOARD RECEIVES WRITTEN CONSENT TO THE ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSE FROM EACH PLACE OF WORSHIP OR SCHOOL LOCATED WITHIN 300 FEET IN A DIRECT LINE OF THE ESTABLISHMENT FOR WHICH THE LICENSE IS SOUGHT.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

DORCHESTER COUNTY**SB 839 / HB 569****Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting License**

📅 EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 19-1306**SUMMARY:**

- ▶ Authorizes the Board to issue a Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting (BWLTL) license to holders of a Class A license.
 - » Limits the Class A licensee to holding tastings only for alcoholic beverages authorized under their Class A license.
- ▶ Allows the license holder to allow on-premises tastings of beer, wine, and liquor if:
 - » The consumer is not charged, and
 - » The alcohol is consumed on the Class A licensee's premises.
- ▶ ▶ Sets liquor tasting limits of:
 - » 0.5 ounces per offering, and
 - » 1.5 ounces total per day.
- ▶ In addition to beer and wine, it requires the license holder to properly dispose of any opened liquor remaining from tastings at the end of the day.
- ▶ Establishes the licensee fee at:
 - » \$150 for not more than 15 tastings per year, or
 - » \$250 for not more than 30 tastings per year.

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(Senate Bill 839)

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting License

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain Class A license holders in Dorchester County to conduct tastings of liquor under certain circumstances, in addition to tastings of beer or wine; limiting the quantity of liquor allowed per individual for tastings; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Dorchester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 19–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 19–1306
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

19–102.

This title applies only in Dorchester County.

19–1306.

(a) There is a beer [and], wine, **AND LIQUOR** tasting [(BWT)] **(BWLTT)** license.

(b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Board may issue the license to a holder of a Class A license to hold tastings of beer [or], wine, **OR LIQUOR**.

(2) [The holder of a Class A beer license may use the license to hold tastings of beer only] **A LICENSE HOLDER MAY NOT HOLD TASTINGS OF ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES THAT THE LICENSE HOLDER IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO SELL UNDER THE HOLDER’S CLASS A LICENSE.**

(c) The license authorizes the holder to allow the consumption of beer [or], wine, **OR LIQUOR** for tasting if:

- (1) the consumer is not charged for the beer [or], wine, **OR LIQUOR**; and
- (2) the beer [or], wine, **OR LIQUOR** is consumed on the premises of the holder of the Class A license.

(d) (1) An applicant for the license shall submit to the Board an application on a form that the Board provides.

(2) The Board may not require the publication of a license application before issuing the license.

(3) The Board may issue the license without a public hearing.

(4) If an initial license application is denied:

- (i) the applicant may resubmit the application; and
- (ii) on request from the applicant, the Board shall hold a public hearing on the license application before determining whether to issue the license.

(5) The license holder shall notify the Board in writing at least 7 days before the event at which the license is to be used.

(6) Renewal of the license may be made when the holder's Class A license is renewed.

(e) An individual may consume beer [or], wine, **OR LIQUOR** covered by the license in a quantity of not more than:

- (1) (i) 3 ounces from each offering of beer; and
- (ii) 8 ounces from all offerings of beer in 1 day; [and]
- (2) (i) 1 ounce from each offering of wine; and
- (ii) 4 ounces from all offerings of wine in 1 day; **AND**
- (3) (I) **0.5 OUNCES FROM EACH OFFERING OF LIQUOR; AND**
- (II) **1.5 OUNCES FROM ALL OFFERINGS OF LIQUOR IN 1 DAY.**

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(f) At the end of the day for which the license is valid, the license holder shall properly dispose of beer [or], wine, **OR LIQUOR** that remains in a container that was opened for tasting.

(g) The license fee is:

(1) \$150 for not more than 15 beer [or], wine, **OR LIQUOR** tastings per year; or

(2) \$250 for not more than 30 beer [or], wine, **OR LIQUOR** tastings per year.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

Chapter 828

(House Bill 569)

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting License

FOR the purpose of authorizing certain Class A license holders in Dorchester County to conduct tastings of liquor under certain circumstances, in addition to tastings of beer or wine; limiting the quantity of liquor allowed per individual for tastings; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Dorchester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 19–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 19–1306
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

19–102.

This title applies only in Dorchester County.

19–1306.

(a) There is a beer [and], wine, **AND LIQUOR** tasting [(BWT)] **(BWLTT)** license.

(b) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the Board may issue the license to a holder of a Class A license to hold tastings of beer [or], wine, **OR LIQUOR**.

(2) [The holder of a Class A beer license may use the license to hold tastings of beer only] **A LICENSE HOLDER MAY NOT HOLD TASTINGS OF ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES THAT THE LICENSE HOLDER IS NOT AUTHORIZED TO SELL UNDER THE HOLDER’S CLASS A LICENSE.**

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(c) The license authorizes the holder to allow the consumption of beer [or], wine, **OR LIQUOR** for tasting if:

- (1) the consumer is not charged for the beer [or], wine, **OR LIQUOR**; and
- (2) the beer [or], wine, **OR LIQUOR** is consumed on the premises of the holder of the Class A license.

(d) (1) An applicant for the license shall submit to the Board an application on a form that the Board provides.

(2) The Board may not require the publication of a license application before issuing the license.

(3) The Board may issue the license without a public hearing.

(4) If an initial license application is denied:

- (i) the applicant may resubmit the application; and
- (ii) on request from the applicant, the Board shall hold a public hearing on the license application before determining whether to issue the license.

(5) The license holder shall notify the Board in writing at least 7 days before the event at which the license is to be used.

(6) Renewal of the license may be made when the holder's Class A license is renewed.

(e) An individual may consume beer [or], wine, **OR LIQUOR** covered by the license in a quantity of not more than:

- (1) (i) 3 ounces from each offering of beer; and
- (ii) 8 ounces from all offerings of beer in 1 day; [and]
- (2) (i) 1 ounce from each offering of wine; and
- (ii) 4 ounces from all offerings of wine in 1 day; **AND**
- (3) (I) 0.5 OUNCES FROM EACH OFFERING OF LIQUOR; AND**
- (II) 1.5 OUNCES FROM ALL OFFERINGS OF LIQUOR IN 1 DAY.**

(f) At the end of the day for which the license is valid, the license holder shall properly dispose of beer [or], wine, **OR LIQUOR** that remains in a container that was opened for tasting.

(g) The license fee is:

(1) \$150 for not more than 15 beer [or], wine, **OR LIQUOR** tastings per year; or

(2) \$250 for not more than 30 beer [or], wine, **OR LIQUOR** tastings per year.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

DORCHESTER COUNTY

SB 869 / HB 566

Alcoholic Beverages Licenses - Fees

 EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Sections 19-601(c), 19-603(c), 19-802(c), 19-803(c), 19-804(c), 19-805 (d), 19-902(d), 19-1201(f), 19-1309(c), 19-1310(c), 19-1408

SUMMARY:

- ▶ Increases the annual fees for multiple alcoholic beverage license types.
- ▶ Authorizes the Board to charge an additional nonrefundable application fee for a new license as follows:
 - » \$150 for a Class A, B, C, or D Beer and Wine license application
 - » \$200 for a Class A, B, C, or D Beer, Wine, and Liquor license application.
- ▶ Exempts license renewals or transfers for the same premises from the application fee.
- ▶ Authorizes the Board to charge a \$50 fee per license transfer.

Chapter 833

(Senate Bill 869)

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Fees

FOR the purpose of altering licensing fees for certain alcoholic beverages licenses in Dorchester County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County to charge an application or transfer fee under certain circumstances; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages license, application, and transfer fees in Dorchester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

Section 19–102, 19–601(a), 19–603(a), 19–802(a), 19–803(a), 19–804(a), 19–805(a),
19–902(a), 19–1201(a), 19–1309(a), and 19–1310(a)

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

Section 19–601(c), 19–603(c), 19–802(c), 19–803(c), 19–804(c), 19–805(d), 19–902(d),
19–1201(f), 19–1309(c), and 19–1310(c)

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BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

Section 19–1408

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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19–601.

(a) There is a Class A beer license.

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- (c) The annual license fee is ~~[\$200]~~ **\$250**.

19-603.

- (a) There is a Class C beer license.

- (c) The annual license fee is ~~[\$250]~~ **\$150**.

19-802.

- (a) There is a Class A beer and wine license.

- (c) The annual license fee is ~~[\$250]~~ **\$350**.

19-803.

- (a) There is a Class B beer and wine license.

- (c) The annual license fee is ~~[\$300]~~ **\$350**.

19-804.

- (a) There is a Class C beer and wine license.

- (c) The annual license fee is ~~[\$150]~~ **\$250**.

19-805.

- (a) There is a Class D beer and wine license.

- (d) The annual license fee is ~~[\$275]~~ **\$350**.

19-902.

- (a) There is a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license.

- (d) The annual license fee is ~~[\$1,000]~~ **\$1,250**.

19-1201.

- (a) There is a Class B caterer's license.

- (f) The annual license fee is ~~[\$150]~~ **\$200**.

19-1309.

(a) There is a Class C per diem beer and a Class C per diem beer and wine license.

(c) The fee for a Class C per diem beer license or Class C per diem beer and wine license is [~~\$15~~] **\$25** per day.

19-1310.

(a) There is a Class C per diem beer, wine, and liquor license.

(c) The fee for the license is [~~\$25~~] **\$35** per day.

19-1408.

(A) (1) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER FEE REQUIRED FOR A LICENSE, THE BOARD MAY CHARGE AN APPLICATION FEE FOR A NEW LICENSE IN THE AMOUNT OF:

(I) \$150 FOR AN APPLICATION FOR A CLASS A, CLASS B, CLASS C, OR CLASS D BEER AND WINE LICENSE; AND

(II) \$200 FOR AN APPLICATION FOR A CLASS A, CLASS B, CLASS C, OR CLASS D BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(2) THE APPLICATION FEE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS NONREFUNDABLE WHETHER THE LICENSE IS ISSUED OR DENIED.

(3) THE APPLICATION FEE DOES NOT APPLY TO THE RENEWAL OR TRANSFER OF A LICENSE FOR THE SAME PREMISES.

(B) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER FEE REQUIRED FOR A LICENSE, THE BOARD MAY CHARGE A TRANSFER FEE OF \$50 PER LICENSE TRANSFER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

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Chapter 832

(House Bill 566)

AN ACT concerning

Dorchester County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Fees

FOR the purpose of altering licensing fees for certain alcoholic beverages licenses in Dorchester County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Dorchester County to charge an application or transfer fee under certain circumstances; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages license, application, and transfer fees in Dorchester County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

Section 19–102, 19–601(a), 19–603(a), 19–802(a), 19–803(a), 19–804(a), 19–805(a), 19–902(a), 19–1201(a), 19–1309(a), and 19–1310(a)

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

Section 19–601(c), 19–603(c), 19–802(c), 19–803(c), 19–804(c), 19–805(d), 19–902(d), 19–1201(f), 19–1309(c), and 19–1310(c)

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BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

19–102.

This title applies only in Dorchester County.

19–601.

(a) There is a Class A beer license.

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- (c) The annual license fee is ~~[\$200]~~ **\$250**.

19-603.

- (a) There is a Class C beer license.

- (c) The annual license fee is ~~[\$250]~~ **\$150**.

19-802.

- (a) There is a Class A beer and wine license.

- (c) The annual license fee is ~~[\$250]~~ **\$350**.

19-803.

- (a) There is a Class B beer and wine license.

- (c) The annual license fee is ~~[\$300]~~ **\$350**.

19-804.

- (a) There is a Class C beer and wine license.

- (c) The annual license fee is ~~[\$150]~~ **\$250**.

19-805.

- (a) There is a Class D beer and wine license.

- (d) The annual license fee is ~~[\$275]~~ **\$350**.

19-902.

- (a) There is a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license.

- (d) The annual license fee is ~~[\$1,000]~~ **\$1,250**.

19-1201.

- (a) There is a Class B caterer's license.

- (f) The annual license fee is ~~[\$150]~~ **\$200**.

19-1309.

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(a) There is a Class C per diem beer and a Class C per diem beer and wine license.

(c) The fee for a Class C per diem beer license or Class C per diem beer and wine license is ~~[\$15]~~ **\$25** per day.

19-1310.

(a) There is a Class C per diem beer, wine, and liquor license.

(c) The fee for the license is ~~[\$25]~~ **\$35** per day.

19-1408.

(A) (1) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER FEE REQUIRED FOR A LICENSE, THE BOARD MAY CHARGE AN APPLICATION FEE FOR A NEW LICENSE IN THE AMOUNT OF:

(I) \$150 FOR AN APPLICATION FOR A CLASS A, CLASS B, CLASS C, OR CLASS D BEER AND WINE LICENSE; AND

(II) \$200 FOR AN APPLICATION FOR A CLASS A, CLASS B, CLASS C, OR CLASS D BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

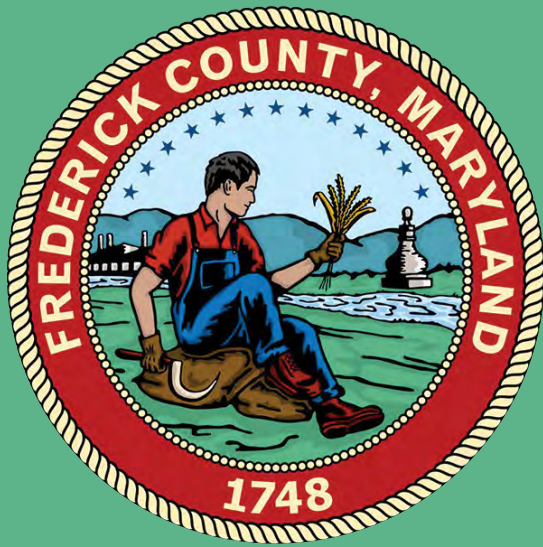
(2) THE APPLICATION FEE UNDER THIS SUBSECTION IS NONREFUNDABLE WHETHER THE LICENSE IS ISSUED OR DENIED.

(3) THE APPLICATION FEE DOES NOT APPLY TO THE RENEWAL OR TRANSFER OF A LICENSE FOR THE SAME PREMISES.

(B) IN ADDITION TO ANY OTHER FEE REQUIRED FOR A LICENSE, THE BOARD MAY CHARGE A TRANSFER FEE OF \$50 PER LICENSE TRANSFER.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.





ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

FREDERICK COUNTY**SB 636 / HB 1026****Alcoholic Beverages - Tasting Permits**

📅 JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Sections 20-1102.1, and 20-1102.2

SUMMARY:**Beer and Wine Tasting (BWT) permit**

- ▶ Alters the Beer and Wine Consumption (BWC) permit to the Beer and Wine Tasting (BWT) permit.
- ▶ Authorizes the permit holder to allow for on-premises tasting of beer and wine.
- ▶ Removes some explicit serving limits from the law, but requires the Board to regulate the amount of beer and wine served to an individual and the number of containers used for serving.
- ▶ Permits the tasting of beer and wine only on the licensed premises.

Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting (BWLTL) permit

- ▶ Renames the Beer, Wine, and Liquor consumption (BWLC) permit to the Beer, Wine, and Liquor Tasting (BWLTL) permit.
- ▶ Authorizes the permit holder to allow for on-premises tasting of beer, wine, and liquor.
- ▶ Requires the Board to regulate the amount of beer, wine, and liquor served to an individual and the number of bottles or other containers used for serving.
- ▶ Permits the tasting of beer, wine, and liquor only on the licensed premises.

Chapter 825

(Senate Bill 636)

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Tasting Permits

FOR the purpose of altering in Frederick County the beer and wine consumption permit to be the beer and wine tasting permit and the beer, wine, and liquor consumption permit to be the beer, wine, and liquor tasting permit; altering the amounts of certain alcoholic beverages an individual may taste under the permits; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 20–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 20–1102.1 and 20–1102.2
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

20–102.

This title applies only in Frederick County.

20–1102.1.

- (a) There is a beer and wine [consumption (BWC)] **TASTING (BWT)** permit.
- (b) The Board may issue the permit to the holder of a Class A license.
- (c) The permit authorizes the holder to allow for on–premises [consumption] **TASTING** of beer and wine.
- (d) (1) An applicant for the permit shall submit to the Board an application on a form that the Board provides.

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(2) The Board may issue the permit without a public hearing.

(3) If an initial permit application is denied, the applicant may request a public hearing before the Board.

(4) Renewal of the permit may be made when the license holder's Class A license is renewed.

(e) An individual may [consume] **TASTE** beer or wine covered by the permit in a quantity not exceeding:

[(1) a single serving consisting of:

(i)] **(1)** 12 total ounces of beer; or

[(ii)] **(2)** 6 total ounces of wine[; or

(2) three individual sample servings of beer or wine in any combination, each consisting of not more than:

(i) 2 ounces of beer; or

(ii) 1 ounce of wine].

(F) THE BOARD SHALL REGULATE:

(1) THE QUANTITY OF BEER AND WINE SERVED TO AN INDIVIDUAL;
AND

(2) THE NUMBER OF BOTTLES OR OTHER CONTAINERS FROM WHICH THE QUANTITY IS SERVED.

[(f)] **(G)** (1) The permit authorizes the [consumption] **TASTING** of beer and wine only on the licensed premises of the holder.

(2) The permit holder may not allow an open container to be taken from the licensed premises.

(3) The permit holder may not serve open alcoholic beverages from a drive-through window.

[(g)] **(H)** The annual permit fee is \$200.

20-1102.2.

(a) There is a beer, wine, and liquor [consumption (BWLC)] **TASTING (BWLTT)** permit.

(b) The Board may issue the permit to the holder of a Class A license.

(c) The permit authorizes the holder to allow for on-premises [consumption] **TASTING** of beer, wine, and liquor.

(d) (1) An applicant for the permit shall submit to the Board an application on a form that the Board provides.

(2) The Board may issue the permit without a public hearing.

(3) If an initial permit application is denied, the applicant may request a public hearing before the Board.

(4) Renewal of the permit may be made when the license holder's Class A license is renewed.

(e) An individual may [consume] **TASTE** beer, wine, or liquor covered by the permit in a quantity not exceeding:

[(1) a single serving consisting of:

(i) (1) 12 total ounces of beer;

[(ii) (2) 6 total ounces of wine; or

[(iii) (3) 1.5 total ounces of liquor, which may be mixed with other nonalcoholic beverages]; or

(2) three individual sample servings of beer, wine, or liquor in any combination, each consisting of not more than:

(i) 2 ounces of beer;

(ii) 1 ounce of wine; or

(iii) 0.5 ounce of liquor, which may be mixed with other nonalcoholic beverages].

(F) THE BOARD SHALL REGULATE:

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(1) THE QUANTITY OF BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR THAT MAY BE SERVED TO AN INDIVIDUAL; AND

(2) THE NUMBER OF BOTTLES OR OTHER CONTAINERS FROM WHICH THE QUANTITY IS SERVED.

[(f)] (G) (1) The permit authorizes the **[consumption]** **TASTING** of beer, wine, and liquor only on the licensed premises of the holder.

(2) The permit holder may not allow an open container to be taken from the licensed premises.

(3) The permit holder may not serve open alcoholic beverages from a drive-through window.

[(g)] (H) The annual permit fee is \$400.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

Chapter 824

(House Bill 1026)

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Tasting Permits

FOR the purpose of altering in Frederick County the beer and wine consumption permit to be the beer and wine tasting permit and the beer, wine, and liquor consumption permit to be the beer, wine, and liquor tasting permit; altering the amounts of certain alcoholic beverages an individual may taste under the permits; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 20–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 20–1102.1 and 20–1102.2
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

20–102.

This title applies only in Frederick County.

20–1102.1.

- (a) There is a beer and wine [consumption (BWC)] **TASTING (BWT)** permit.
- (b) The Board may issue the permit to the holder of a Class A license.
- (c) The permit authorizes the holder to allow for on–premises [consumption] **TASTING** of beer and wine.
- (d) (1) An applicant for the permit shall submit to the Board an application on a form that the Board provides.

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(2) The Board may issue the permit without a public hearing.

(3) If an initial permit application is denied, the applicant may request a public hearing before the Board.

(4) Renewal of the permit may be made when the license holder's Class A license is renewed.

(e) An individual may [consume] **TASTE** beer or wine covered by the permit in a quantity not exceeding:

[(1) a single serving consisting of:

(i)] **(1)** 12 total ounces of beer; or

[(ii)] **(2)** 6 total ounces of wine[; or

(2) three individual sample servings of beer or wine in any combination, each consisting of not more than:

(i) 2 ounces of beer; or

(ii) 1 ounce of wine].

(F) THE BOARD SHALL REGULATE:

(1) THE QUANTITY OF BEER AND WINE SERVED TO AN INDIVIDUAL;
AND

(2) THE NUMBER OF BOTTLES OR OTHER CONTAINERS FROM WHICH THE QUANTITY IS SERVED.

[(f)] **(G)** (1) The permit authorizes the [consumption] **TASTING** of beer and wine only on the licensed premises of the holder.

(2) The permit holder may not allow an open container to be taken from the licensed premises.

(3) The permit holder may not serve open alcoholic beverages from a drive-through window.

[(g)] **(H)** The annual permit fee is \$200.

20-1102.2.

(a) There is a beer, wine, and liquor [consumption (BWLC)] **TASTING (BWLTT)** permit.

(b) The Board may issue the permit to the holder of a Class A license.

(c) The permit authorizes the holder to allow for on-premises [consumption] **TASTING** of beer, wine, and liquor.

(d) (1) An applicant for the permit shall submit to the Board an application on a form that the Board provides.

(2) The Board may issue the permit without a public hearing.

(3) If an initial permit application is denied, the applicant may request a public hearing before the Board.

(4) Renewal of the permit may be made when the license holder's Class A license is renewed.

(e) An individual may [consume] **TASTE** beer, wine, or liquor covered by the permit in a quantity not exceeding:

[(1) a single serving consisting of:

(i) (1) 12 total ounces of beer;

[(ii) (2) 6 total ounces of wine; or

[(iii) (3) 1.5 total ounces of liquor, which may be mixed with other nonalcoholic beverages]; or

(2) three individual sample servings of beer, wine, or liquor in any combination, each consisting of not more than:

(i) 2 ounces of beer;

(ii) 1 ounce of wine; or

(iii) 0.5 ounce of liquor, which may be mixed with other nonalcoholic beverages].

(F) THE BOARD SHALL REGULATE:

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(1) THE QUANTITY OF BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR THAT MAY BE SERVED TO AN INDIVIDUAL; AND

(2) THE NUMBER OF BOTTLES OR OTHER CONTAINERS FROM WHICH THE QUANTITY IS SERVED.

[(f)] (G) (1) The permit authorizes the **[consumption]** **TASTING** of beer, wine, and liquor only on the licensed premises of the holder.

(2) The permit holder may not allow an open container to be taken from the licensed premises.

(3) The permit holder may not serve open alcoholic beverages from a drive-through window.

[(g)] (H) The annual permit fee is \$400.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

FREDERICK COUNTY**SB 670 / HB 866****Class C (Theater) Beer, Wine, and Liquor License**

📅 JUNE 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Sections 20-1014.1 and 20-1014.2

SUMMARY:

- ▶ Creates a Class C (Theater) Beer, Wine, and Liquor license for theaters with seating.
 - » Allows the manager or another designee to sign the license application.
- ▶ Authorizes the licensee to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption from 1 hour before to 1 hour after:
 - » A regular performance,
 - » A fundraiser performance that benefits the theatre, or
 - » An event held by an outside group that rented the theater.
- ▶ Sets the annual fee at \$150.

WES MOORE, Governor

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Chapter 823

(Senate Bill 670)

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class C (Theater) Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

FOR the purpose of establishing a Class C (theater) beer, wine, and liquor license in Frederick County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue the license; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption, subject to certain limitations; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Frederick County.

BY renumbering

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 20–1014.1
 to be Section 20–1014.2
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 20–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 20–1014.1
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 20–1014.1 of Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 20–1014.2.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

20–102.

This title applies only in Frederick County.

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20-1014.1.

- (A) **THERE IS A CLASS C (THEATER) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.**
- (B) **THE MANAGER OF THE THEATER OR ANY OTHER OFFICIAL DESIGNATED BY THE THEATER MAY SIGN THE APPLICATION FOR THE LICENSE.**
- (C) **THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A LICENSE FOR USE BY A THEATER WITH SEATING.**
- (D) **THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION FROM 1 HOUR BEFORE TO 1 HOUR AFTER:**
- (1) **A REGULAR PERFORMANCE;**
 - (2) **A FUND-RAISER PERFORMANCE THAT BENEFITS THE THEATER;**
- OR**
- (3) **AN EVENT HOSTED BY AN OUTSIDE GROUP THAT HAS RENTED THE THEATER.**
- (E) **THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$150.**

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

WES MOORE, Governor

Ch. 822

Chapter 822

(House Bill 866)

AN ACT concerning

Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class C (Theater) Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

FOR the purpose of establishing a Class C (theater) beer, wine, and liquor license in Frederick County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Frederick County to issue the license; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption, subject to certain limitations; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Frederick County.

BY renumbering

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 20–1014.1
 to be Section 20–1014.2
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 20–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 20–1014.1
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 20–1014.1 of Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 20–1014.2.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

20–102.

This title applies only in Frederick County.

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20-1014.1.

- (A) **THERE IS A CLASS C (THEATER) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.**
- (B) **THE MANAGER OF THE THEATER OR ANY OTHER OFFICIAL DESIGNATED BY THE THEATER MAY SIGN THE APPLICATION FOR THE LICENSE.**
- (C) **THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A LICENSE FOR USE BY A THEATER WITH SEATING.**
- (D) **THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION FROM 1 HOUR BEFORE TO 1 HOUR AFTER:**
- (1) **A REGULAR PERFORMANCE;**
 - (2) **A FUND-RAISER PERFORMANCE THAT BENEFITS THE THEATER;**
- OR**
- (3) **AN EVENT HOSTED BY AN OUTSIDE GROUP THAT HAS RENTED THE THEATER.**
- (E) **THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$150.**

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

FREDERICK COUNTY

SB 738 / HB 512

Barbershop and Beauty Salon Beer and Wine License - Alterations

 JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Sections 20-1003.3 and 20-1002

SUMMARY: Increases the amount of wine that a Barbershop and a Beauty Salon Beer and Wine licensee may serve by the glass for on-premises consumption from 5 ounces to 6.5 ounces.

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(Senate Bill 738)

AN ACT concerning

**Frederick County – Barbershop and Beauty Salon Beer and Wine License –
Alterations**

FOR the purpose of altering a certain limitation on the amount of wine that a holder of a barbershop or beauty salon beer and wine license in Frederick County may provide to a certain customer for on–premises consumption; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 20–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 20–1001.3 and 20–1002
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

20–102.

This title applies only in Frederick County.

20–1001.3.

- (a) There is a barbershop beer and wine license.
- (b) The Board may issue the license to a holder of a barbershop permit under § 4–501 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article.
- (c) The license authorizes the license holder to provide no more than [5] **6.5** ounces of wine by the glass or 12 ounces of beer for on–premises consumption by a barbershop customer:

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(1) when the customer is provided a service described in § 4–101(l) of the Business Occupations and Professions Article; or

(2) while the customer is attending a fund–raising event at the barbershop for which the Department of Permits and Inspections, if required, has issued a permit.

(d) The license may not be transferred to another location.

(e) The license holder may provide beer and wine for on–premises consumption during normal business hours but not later than 9 p.m.

(f) The annual license fee is \$100.

20–1002.

(a) There is a beauty salon beer and wine license.

(b) The Board may issue the license to a holder of a beauty salon permit under § 5–501 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article.

(c) The license authorizes the license holder to provide no more than **[5] 6.5** ounces of wine by the glass or 12 ounces of beer for on–premises consumption by a beauty salon customer:

(1) when the customer is provided a cosmetology service described in § 5–101(n)(1) of the Business Occupations and Professions Article; or

(2) while the customer is attending a fund–raising event at the beauty salon for which the Department of Permits and Inspections, if required, has issued a permit.

(d) The license may not be transferred to another location.

(e) The license holder may provide beer and wine for on–premises consumption during normal business hours but not later than 9 p.m.

(f) The annual license fee is \$100.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

Chapter 834

(House Bill 512)

AN ACT concerning

**Frederick County – Barbershop and Beauty Salon Beer and Wine License –
Alterations**

FOR the purpose of altering a certain limitation on the amount of wine that a holder of a barbershop or beauty salon beer and wine license in Frederick County may provide to a certain customer for on–premises consumption; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Frederick County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 20–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 20–1001.3 and 20–1002
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

20–102.

This title applies only in Frederick County.

20–1001.3.

- (a) There is a barbershop beer and wine license.
- (b) The Board may issue the license to a holder of a barbershop permit under § 4–501 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article.
- (c) The license authorizes the license holder to provide no more than [5] **6.5** ounces of wine by the glass or 12 ounces of beer for on–premises consumption by a barbershop customer:

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(1) when the customer is provided a service described in § 4-101(l) of the Business Occupations and Professions Article; or

(2) while the customer is attending a fund-raising event at the barbershop for which the Department of Permits and Inspections, if required, has issued a permit.

(d) The license may not be transferred to another location.

(e) The license holder may provide beer and wine for on-premises consumption during normal business hours but not later than 9 p.m.

(f) The annual license fee is \$100.

20-1002.

(a) There is a beauty salon beer and wine license.

(b) The Board may issue the license to a holder of a beauty salon permit under § 5-501 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article.

(c) The license authorizes the license holder to provide no more than **[5] 6.5** ounces of wine by the glass or 12 ounces of beer for on-premises consumption by a beauty salon customer:

(1) when the customer is provided a cosmetology service described in § 5-101(n)(1) of the Business Occupations and Professions Article; or

(2) while the customer is attending a fund-raising event at the beauty salon for which the Department of Permits and Inspections, if required, has issued a permit.

(d) The license may not be transferred to another location.

(e) The license holder may provide beer and wine for on-premises consumption during normal business hours but not later than 9 p.m.

(f) The annual license fee is \$100.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.





ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

GARRETT COUNTY**SB 826 / HB 685****Garrett County Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2025**

📅 JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Sections 21-804.1, 21-903.1, 21-1002.3, 21-1002.4, 21-1304, 21-1304.1, 21-1304.2, 21-1304.3, 21-1305, 21-1309, 21-1310

SUMMARY:**Class BDR-DC (Deluxe Complex Restaurant) Beer and Wine License**

- ▶ Establishes a Class BDR-DC (Deluxe Complex Restaurant) Beer and Wine License, which may be issued to:
 - » A holder of either a Class B alcoholic beverages license issued by the Board, or
 - » An equivalent restaurant-only license issued by another jurisdiction's local licensing board.
- ▶ Allows the Board to issue the license to a deluxe complex restaurant that:
 - » Seats at least 20 people, and
 - » Has a minimum capital investment of \$25,000 in restaurant facilities, excluding land or building costs.
- ▶ If the applicant buys or leases an existing building, the capital investment for land and improvements is based on the assessed value recorded by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation at the time of purchase.
- ▶ Authorizes the licensee to sell at retail:
 - » Beer and Wine for on-premises consumption, and
 - » Beer for off-premises consumption.
- ▶ A Class BDR-DC license holder may add a catering option that allows the sale of beer, wine, and liquor at off-site catered events within the county.
- ▶ The license holder must also provide food at the event and may only operate during the hours and days permitted under the Class B license.
- ▶ The annual license fees are:
 - » \$500 for a 6-day license without a catering option,
 - » \$625 for a 6-day license with a catering option,
 - » \$585 for a 7-day license without a catering option, and
 - » \$710 for a 7-day license with a catering option.
- ▶ The Board shall charge a one-time issuing fee equal to the annual license fee and adopt regulations for implementation.

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Class BDR-DC (Deluxe Complex Restaurant) Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

- ▶ Establishes a Class BDR-DC (Deluxe Complex Restaurant) Beer, Wine, and Liquor License, which may be issued to:
 - » A holder of either a Class B alcoholic beverages license issued by the Board, or
 - » An equivalent restaurant-only license issued by another jurisdiction's local licensing board.
- ▶ The Board may issue the license to a deluxe complex restaurant that has:
 - » At least 20 table seats (excluding bar or counter seating), and
 - » A minimum capital investment of \$250,000 in restaurant facilities, not including land or building costs.
- ▶ If an applicant buys or leases an existing building, the capital investment for land and improvements is based on the assessed value recorded by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation at the time of purchase or lease.
- ▶ Authorizes the licensee to sell at retail:
 - » Beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption; and
 - » Beer for off-premises consumption.
- ▶ A Class BDR-DC license holder may add a catering option that allows the sale of beer, wine, and liquor at off-site catered events within the county.
 - » The license holder must also provide food at the event and may only operate during the hours and days permitted under the Class B license.
- ▶ The annual license fees are:
 - » \$2,250 for a 6-day license without a catering option,
 - » \$2,750 for a 6-day license with a catering option,
 - » \$2,625 for a 7-day license without a catering option, and
 - » \$3,125 for a 7-day license with a catering option.
- ▶ The Board shall charge a one-time issuing fee equal to the annual license fee and adopt regulations for implementation.

Class BRC-Resort Complex Beer and Wine License

- ▶ Establishes a Class BRC-Resort Complex Beer and Wine License that may be issued to a licensee operating at least two facilities that are:
 - » Are located on the same contiguous property,
 - » Are separated by at least 150 feet from the main area of the premises, and
 - » Are designated by the Board as hotel, motel, recreational, or restaurant facilities.
- ▶ Authorizes the licensee to sell at a hotel, motel, recreational, or restaurant facility at retail:
 - » Beer and wine for on-premises consumption, and
 - » Beer for off-premises consumption.
- ▶ Sets the operating days and hours for the Class BRC-Resort Complex Beer and Wine License to match those of a Class B Beer and Wine License.
- ▶ The annual license fees are:
 - » \$700 for a 6-day license for two facilities,
 - » \$350 for each additional facility for a 6-day license,
 - » \$820 for a 7-day license for two facilities, and
 - » \$410 for each additional facility for a 7-day license.
- ▶ The Board shall charge a one-time issuing fee equal to the annual license fee and adopt regulations for implementation.

Class BRC-Resort Complex Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

- ▶ Creates a Class BRC-Resort Complex Beer, Wine, and Liquor license, which the Board may issue to a license holder with at least two facilities that:
 - » Are located on the same contiguous property,
 - » Are at least 150 feet from the main licensed area, and
 - » Are designated by the Board as hotel, motel, recreational, or restaurant facilities.
- ▶ Authorizes the licensee to sell at a hotel, motel, recreational, or restaurant facility at retail:
 - » Beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption, and
 - » Beer for off-premises consumption.
- ▶ Sets the operating days and hours for the Class BRC-Resort Complex Beer, Wine, and Liquor license to match those of a Class B Beer and Wine License.
- ▶ The annual license fees are:
 - » \$3,000 for a 6-day license for two facilities,
 - » \$1,500 for each additional facility for a 6-day license,
 - » \$3,500 for a 7-day license for two facilities, and
 - » \$1,750 for each additional facility for a 7-day license.
- ▶ The Board shall charge a one-time issuing fee equal to the annual license fee and adopt regulations for implementation.

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Festival License

- ▶ The bill makes various text changes so that all of the following licenses follow the same process:
 - » Garrett County Beer and Wine Festival License,
 - » Beer, Wine, and Liquor Festival License, and
 - » Wine Festival License.
- ▶ Each festival application will use a standard form adopted by the board.
- ▶ The Board must hold a hearing before issuing a festival license.
- ▶ The Board must publish notice of the application hearing at least 7 days in advance of the festival.
- ▶ The hearing notice does not have to be published in a “newspaper of general circulation” for any of the festival licenses.

Class C Per Diem Licenses

- ▶ Any Nonprofit organizations are now eligible for Class C licenses, instead of only clubs organized for certain purposes.
- ▶ Nonprofit organizations that qualify for a Class C multiple day license may now receive a multiple event license, but are limited to one such license per license year.
- ▶ Requires a nonprofit organization holding a multiple event license to have at least one server certified by an approved alcohol awareness program on-site while serving alcohol.
 - » The organization may also cater functions on its premises.

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(Senate Bill 826)

AN ACT concerning

Garrett County Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2025

FOR the purpose of establishing certain deluxe complex restaurant and resort complex beer and wine and beer, wine, and liquor licenses in Garrett County; requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Garrett County to hold a hearing for the issuance of certain festival licenses and altering certain notice requirements for the hearing; requiring certain festival license applicants to apply to the Board in a certain manner; clarifying the entities to which the Board may issue certain multiple day and multiple event licenses; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Garrett County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

Section 21–102

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

Section 21–804.1, 21–903.1, 21–1002.3, and 21–1002.4

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

Section 21–1304, 21–1304.1, 21–1304.2, 21–1304.3, 21–1305, 21–1309, and 21–1310

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

21–102.

This title applies only in Garrett County.

21–804.1.

(A) THERE IS A CLASS BDR–DC (DELUXE COMPLEX RESTAURANT) BEER AND WINE LICENSE.

(B) THE LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED TO A HOLDER OF:

(1) ANY CLASS B ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD; OR

(2) AN EQUIVALENT LICENSE THAT THE LOCAL LICENSING BOARD OF A DIFFERENT JURISDICTION ISSUES ONLY FOR USE BY A RESTAURANT.

(C) (1) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE FOR USE BY A DELUXE COMPLEX RESTAURANT, AS DEFINED IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD, THAT:

(I) HAS SEATING FOR AT LEAST 20 INDIVIDUALS; AND

(II) HAS A MINIMUM CAPITAL INVESTMENT OF \$25,000 FOR THE RESTAURANT FACILITIES, NOT INCLUDING THE COST OF LAND OR BUILDINGS.

(2) IF THE APPLICANT PURCHASES OR LEASES AN EXISTING BUILDING, THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE COST OF THE LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS SHALL BE BASED ON THE ASSESSED VALUE OF THE LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECORDS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE.

(3) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL, AT RETAIL, AT THE PLACE DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE:

(I) BEER AND WINE FOR ON–PREMISES CONSUMPTION; AND

(II) BEER FOR OFF–PREMISES CONSUMPTION.

(D) (1) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE WITH A CATERING OPTION.

(2) IN ADDITION TO EXERCISING THE PRIVILEGES STATED IN SUBSECTION (C)(3) OF THIS SECTION, A HOLDER OF A LICENSE WITH A CATERING OPTION MAY SELL BEER AND WINE FOR CONSUMPTION AT EVENTS THAT THE LICENSE HOLDER CATERS OFF THE LICENSED PREMISES.

(3) TO EXERCISE THE CATERING OPTION, THE LICENSE HOLDER SHALL PROVIDE FOOD AT THE CATERED EVENT.

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(4) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY EXERCISE THE CATERING OPTION ONLY DURING THE HOURS AND DAYS THAT THE BOARD ALLOWS.

(E) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEES ARE:

- (1) \$500 FOR A 6-DAY LICENSE WITHOUT A CATERING OPTION;
- (2) \$625 FOR A 6-DAY LICENSE WITH A CATERING OPTION;
- (3) \$585 FOR A 7-DAY LICENSE WITHOUT A CATERING OPTION; AND
- (4) \$710 FOR A 7-DAY LICENSE WITH A CATERING OPTION.

(F) THE BOARD SHALL:

(1) CHARGE A ONE-TIME ISSUING FEE FOR A NEW LICENSE IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE; AND

(2) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

21-903.1.

(A) THERE IS A CLASS BDR-DC (DELUXE COMPLEX RESTAURANT) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO A HOLDER OF:

(1) ANY CLASS B ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD; OR

(2) AN EQUIVALENT LICENSE THAT THE LOCAL LICENSING BOARD OF A DIFFERENT JURISDICTION ISSUES ONLY FOR USE BY A RESTAURANT.

(C) (1) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE FOR USE BY A DELUXE COMPLEX RESTAURANT, AS DEFINED IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD, WITH:

(I) SEATING AT TABLES, NOT INCLUDING SEATS AT BARS OR COUNTERS, FOR AT LEAST 20 INDIVIDUALS; AND

(II) A CAPITAL INVESTMENT OF AT LEAST \$250,000 FOR THE RESTAURANT FACILITIES, NOT INCLUDING THE COST OF LAND OR BUILDINGS.

(2) IF AN APPLICANT PURCHASES OR LEASES AN EXISTING BUILDING, THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE COST OF THE LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS SHALL BE BASED ON THE ASSESSED VALUE OF THE LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECORDS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE OR LEASE.

(3) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL, AT RETAIL, AT THE PLACE DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE:

(I) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; AND

(II) BEER FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.

(D) (1) A LICENSE HOLDER OF A CLASS BDR-DC (DELUXE COMPLEX RESTAURANT) LICENSE MAY ACQUIRE A CATERING OPTION THAT AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FOR CONSUMPTION AT EVENTS CATERED BY THE LICENSE HOLDER IN THE COUNTY OFF THE LICENSED PREMISES.

(2) A LICENSE HOLDER PROVIDING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT A CATERED EVENT OFF THE LICENSED PREMISES SHALL ALSO PROVIDE FOOD.

(3) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY EXERCISE CATERING PRIVILEGES ONLY DURING HOURS AND DAYS THAT ARE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE CLASS B LICENSE.

(E) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEES ARE:

(1) \$2,250 FOR A 6-DAY LICENSE WITHOUT A CATERING OPTION;

(2) \$2,750 FOR A 6-DAY LICENSE WITH A CATERING OPTION;

(3) \$2,625 FOR A 7-DAY LICENSE WITHOUT A CATERING OPTION; AND

(4) \$3,125 FOR A 7-DAY LICENSE WITH A CATERING OPTION.

(F) THE BOARD SHALL:

(1) CHARGE A ONE-TIME ISSUING FEE FOR A NEW LICENSE IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE; AND

(2) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

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21-1002.3.

(A) THERE IS A CLASS BRC-RESORT COMPLEX BEER AND WINE LICENSE.

(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO A LICENSE HOLDER FOR A COMPLEX THAT HAS AT LEAST TWO FACILITIES THAT ARE:

(1) LOCATED ON THE SAME CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY;

(2) SEPARATED BY AT LEAST 150 FEET FROM THE MAIN AREA OF THE LICENSED PREMISES; AND

(3) DETERMINED BY THE BOARD TO BE HOTEL, MOTEL, RECREATIONAL, OR RESTAURANT FACILITIES.

(C) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL AT A HOTEL, MOTEL, RECREATIONAL, OR RESTAURANT FACILITY AT RETAIL AT THE PLACE DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE:

(1) BEER AND WINE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; AND

(2) BEER FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.

(D) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER AND WINE DURING THE HOURS AND DAYS AS SET OUT FOR A CLASS B BEER AND WINE LICENSE UNDER § 21-2003 OF THIS TITLE.

(E) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEES ARE:

(1) \$700 FOR A 6-DAY LICENSE FOR TWO FACILITIES;

(2) \$350 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FACILITY FOR A 6-DAY LICENSE;

(3) \$820 FOR A 7-DAY LICENSE FOR TWO FACILITIES; AND

(4) \$410 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FACILITY FOR A 7-DAY LICENSE.

(F) THE BOARD SHALL:

(1) CHARGE A ONE-TIME ISSUING FEE FOR A NEW LICENSE IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE; AND

(2) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

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21-1002.4.

(A) THERE IS A CLASS BRC-RESORT COMPLEX BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO A LICENSE HOLDER FOR A COMPLEX THAT HAS AT LEAST TWO FACILITIES THAT ARE:

(1) LOCATED ON THE SAME CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY;

(2) SEPARATED BY AT LEAST 150 FEET FROM THE MAIN AREA OF THE LICENSED PREMISES; AND

(3) DETERMINED BY THE BOARD TO BE HOTEL, MOTEL, RECREATIONAL, OR RESTAURANT FACILITIES.

(C) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL AT A HOTEL, MOTEL, RECREATIONAL, OR RESTAURANT FACILITY AT RETAIL AT THE PLACE DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE:

(1) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; AND

(2) BEER FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.

(D) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR DURING THE HOURS AND DAYS AS SET OUT FOR A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE UNDER § 21-2004 OF THIS TITLE.

(E) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEES ARE:

(1) \$3,000 FOR A 6-DAY LICENSE FOR TWO FACILITIES;

(2) \$1,500 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FACILITY FOR A 6-DAY LICENSE;

(3) \$3,500 FOR A 7-DAY LICENSE FOR TWO FACILITIES; AND

(4) \$1,750 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FACILITY FOR A 7-DAY LICENSE.

(F) THE BOARD SHALL:

(1) CHARGE A ONE-TIME ISSUING FEE FOR A NEW LICENSE IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE; AND

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(2) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

21–1304.

- (a) (1) There is a beer festival license.
- (2) The Board may issue not more than four beer festival licenses each year.

(3) AN APPLICANT FOR THE LICENSE SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION ON THE FORM THAT THE BOARD PROVIDES.

- (b) The Board may issue the license to a holder of:
 - (1) a retail license issued by the Board;
 - (2) a Class 5 brewery license;
 - (3) a Class 6 pub–brewery license;
 - (4) a Class 7 micro–brewery license;
 - (5) a Class 8 farm brewery license; or
 - (6) a person that is eligible to hold a Class C multiple day or multiple event license.
- (c) The license authorizes the holder to display and sell beer that is:
 - (1) manufactured and processed in any state; and
 - (2) distributed in the State when the license application is filed.
- (d) A license holder may display and sell beer:
 - (1) at retail for on– and off–premises consumption; and
 - (2) during the hours and days designated for a beer festival.
- (e) The Board shall [choose]:

(1) HOLD A HEARING ON A LICENSE APPLICATION;**(2) PUBLISH NOTICE OF THE LICENSE APPLICATION HEARING ONE TIME AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE THE HEARING;**

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(3) CHOOSE a fixed period of time for the festival of up to 3 consecutive days, excluding Sunday; and

[(2)] (4) CHOOSE a location that is not already licensed.

(f) Notwithstanding subsection (e)(1) of this section, a holder of a beer festival license issued for a location at which Sunday sales are allowed under § 21–2002(e) of this title may make Sunday sales beginning at 10 a.m.

(g) Beer displayed and sold shall be:

(1) invoiced to the license holder by a wholesaler or holder of a Class 5 brewery license, Class 6 pub–brewery license, Class 7 micro–brewery license, or Class 8 farm brewery license; and

(2) delivered to the beer festival from the licensed premises of the wholesaler.

(h) A holder of a State wholesaler’s license, a Class 5 brewery license, a Class 6 pub–brewery license, a Class 7 micro–brewery license, or a Class 8 farm brewery license may enter into an agreement with the license holder to:

(1) deliver beer not earlier than 2 days before the effective date of the license; and

(2) accept returns not later than 2 days after the expiration date of the license.

(i) A person may hold a beer festival license in addition to another license.

(j) The Board shall set the fee.

(k) The Board shall adopt regulations to carry out this section.

21–1304.1.

(a) There is a Class C beer and wine street festival license.

(b) The Board may issue the license to a person that is eligible to hold a Class C multiple day or multiple event license.

(c) The license authorizes the holder to sell beer and wine for on–premises consumption at an entertainment event that is:

(1) held in an arts and entertainment district; and

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(2) if required, approved by the mayor and town council of the municipality where the event is located.

(d) During an event for which the license is issued, an individual in the event area approved by the Board who uses a designated container unique to the event may:

(1) purchase beer or wine from:

(i) the holder of the beer and wine street festival license; or

(ii) another license holder with on-sale privileges within the arts and entertainment district;

(2) transport beer or wine in the designated container:

(i) to the premises of a license holder with on-sale privileges in the arts and entertainment district; and

(ii) in the approved event area; and

(3) consume beer and wine:

(i) on the premises of a license holder with on-sale privileges in the arts and entertainment district; and

(ii) in the approved event area.

(e) An applicant for the license shall submit an application on the form that the Board provides.

(f) The Board shall:

(1) HOLD A HEARING ON A LICENSE APPLICATION; AND

(2) publish [a notice for applications for the license] NOTICE OF THE LICENSE APPLICATION HEARING one time at least 7 days before [a license] THE hearing.

(g) A license holder may purchase beer and wine from a holder of a retail or wholesaler's license.

(h) The license holder:

(1) shall distribute a wristband to each individual who is at least 21 years old at the event for which the license is issued; and

(2) may not serve beer or wine to an individual who does not wear a wristband.

(i) The organization for which the license is issued shall ensure that at least one server who is certified by an approved alcohol awareness program is on the premises when alcoholic beverages are served.

(j) The license holder may hold another license of a different class or nature.

(k) The license may be used for a maximum of 26 days in a calendar year.

(l) The license fee is \$50 per day.

(M) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

21-1304.2.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Festival” means the Garrett County Beer and Wine Festival.

(3) “Festival organization” means a nonprofit organization that is chosen by the county in accordance with subsection (c) of this section to organize a festival.

(b) (1) There is a Garrett County Beer and Wine Festival.

(2) Under the supervision of the Board, the festival organization may conduct the Festival annually for a fixed period of time of up to 3 consecutive days.

(c) (1) In selecting a nonprofit organization to be a festival organization, the county shall ensure that the nonprofit organization has extensive experience in organizing and managing large-scale public events.

(2) The Board may issue not more than four beer and wine festival licenses each year.

(d) The Board may issue the license to a holder of a retail license or a person that is eligible to hold a Class C multiple day or multiple event license.

(e) AN APPLICANT FOR THE LICENSE SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION ON THE FORM THAT THE BOARD PROVIDES.

(F) The license authorizes the holder to display and sell beer and wine that is:

(1) manufactured and processed in or outside the State; and

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(2) distributed in the State when the license application is filed.

[(f)] (G) A license holder shall display and sell beer and wine:

- (1) at retail for on- and off-premises consumption; and
- (2) during the hours and days designated for the beer and wine festival.

[(g)] (H) The Board shall:

- (1) hold a hearing on a license application; and
- (2) publish notice of **[a] THE** license application hearing **[in a newspaper of general circulation in the county]** one time at least 7 days before the hearing.

[(h)] (I) (1) The Board shall choose a location for the festival that is not already licensed.

(2) If the location chosen allows for Sunday sales, Sunday sales may begin at 10 a.m.

[(i)] (J) Beer and wine displayed and sold shall be:

- (1) invoiced to the license holder by a retailer or wholesaler; and
- (2) delivered to the festival from the licensed premises of the retailer or wholesaler.

[(j)] (K) A holder of a retail license or State wholesaler's license may enter into an agreement with the holder of the festival license to:

- (1) deliver beer and wine not earlier than 2 days before the effective date of the license; and
- (2) accept returns not later than 5 days after the expiration date of the license.

[(k)] (L) The Board shall establish the license fee.

[(l)] (M) The Board shall adopt regulations to carry out this section.

21-1304.3.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Festival" means the Garrett County Beer, Wine, and Liquor Festival.

(3) “Festival organization” means a nonprofit organization that is chosen by the county in accordance with subsection (c) of this section to organize a festival.

(b) (1) There is a beer, wine, and liquor festival license.

(2) Under the supervision of the Board, the festival organization may conduct the festival annually for a fixed period of time of up to 3 consecutive days.

(c) (1) In selecting a nonprofit organization to be a festival organization, the county shall ensure that the nonprofit organization has extensive experience in organizing and managing large-scale public events.

(2) The Board may issue not more than four beer, wine, and liquor festival licenses each year.

(d) (1) The Board may issue the beer, wine, and liquor festival license to a holder of a retail license or a person that is eligible to hold a Class C multiple day or multiple event license.

(2) AN APPLICANT FOR THE LICENSE SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION ON THE FORM THAT THE BOARD PROVIDES.

(e) The license authorizes the license holder to display and sell beer, wine, and liquor that is:

- (1) manufactured and processed in or outside the State; and
- (2) distributed in the State when the license application is filed.

(f) A license holder shall display and sell beer, wine, and liquor:

- (1) at retail for on- and off-premises consumption; and
- (2) during the hours and days designated for the festival.

(g) The Board shall:

- (1) hold a hearing on a license application; and
- (2) publish notice of [a] **THE** license application hearing [in a newspaper of general circulation in the county] one time at least 7 days before the hearing.

(h) (1) The Board shall choose a location for the festival that is not already licensed.

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at 10 a.m. (2) If the location chosen allows for Sunday sales, Sunday sales may begin

(i) Beer, wine, and liquor displayed and sold shall be:

(1) invoiced to the license holder by a retailer or wholesaler; and

(2) delivered to the festival from the licensed premises of the retailer or wholesaler.

(j) A holder of a retail license or State wholesaler's license may enter into an agreement with the holder of the beer, wine, and liquor festival license to:

(1) deliver beer, wine, and liquor not earlier than 2 days before the effective date of the license; and

(2) accept returns not later than 5 days after the expiration date of the license.

(k) The Board shall establish the beer, wine, and liquor festival license fee.

(l) The Board shall adopt regulations to carry out this section.

21-1305.

(a) (1) There is a wine festival license.

(2) The Board may issue not more than four wine festival licenses each year.

(3) AN APPLICANT FOR THE LICENSE SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION ON THE FORM THAT THE BOARD PROVIDES.

(b) The Board may issue the license to:

(1) a holder of a retail license, Class 3 winery license, or Class 4 limited winery license; or

(2) a person that is eligible to hold a Class C multiple day or multiple event license.

(c) The license authorizes the holder to display and sell wine that is:

(1) manufactured and processed in any state; and

(2) distributed in the State when the license application is filed.

- (d) A license holder shall display and sell wine:
 - (1) at retail for on- and off-premises consumption; and
 - (2) during the hours and days designated for the wine festival.
- (e) The Board shall:
 - (1) hold a hearing on each license application; and
 - (2) publish notice of [a] **THE** license application hearing [in a newspaper of general circulation in the county] one time at least 7 days before the hearing.
- (f) (1) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, each year the Board shall choose up to 3 consecutive days for the wine festival.
 - (2) The Board shall choose a location that is not already licensed.
 - (3) A day chosen for the wine festival may not:
 - (i) be a Sunday; or
 - (ii) fall on the same weekend as the Maryland Wine Festival in Carroll County.
- (g) Notwithstanding subsection (f)(3)(i) of this section, a holder of a wine festival license issued for use in a location where Sunday sales are allowed may make Sunday sales beginning at 10 a.m.
- (h) Wine displayed and sold shall be:
 - (1) invoiced to the license holder by a wholesaler, Class 3 winery, or Class 4 limited winery; and
 - (2) delivered to the wine festival from the licensed premises of the wholesaler, Class 3 winery, or Class 4 limited winery.
- (i) A holder of a State wholesale, Class 3 winery, or Class 4 limited winery license may enter into an agreement with the license holder to:
 - (1) deliver wine not earlier than 2 days before the effective date of the license; and
 - (2) accept returns not later than 5 days after the expiration date of the license.

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- (j) The Board shall establish the license fee.
- (k) The Board shall adopt regulations to carry out this section.

21-1309.

(a) The Board may issue a Class C multiple day beer license, beer and wine license, and beer, wine, and liquor license to a **[club] NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION** for the following fees and license types:

- (1) \$50 for a 2-day license;
- (2) \$150 for a 6-day license; and
- (3) \$300 for a 12-day license.

(b) The license holder may hold another license issued by the Board that is of a different class or nature.

(c) The Board is not required to hold a hearing before issuing a license under this section if a license holder anticipates attendance of fewer than 500 individuals at an event.

21-1310.

(a) The Board may issue a multiple event license to a **[club] NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION** that qualifies for a Class C multiple day license.

(b) The Board may not issue more than one multiple event license to a **[club] NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION** in a license year.

(c) The license holder may hold another license issued by the Board that is of a different class or nature.

(d) (1) The Board shall publish a notice for application for the license one time at least 7 days before a license hearing.

(2) A license holder shall notify the Board in writing at least 7 days before an event for which the license is to be used.

(e) The **[club] NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION** for which a multiple event license is issued shall ensure that at least one server who is certified by an approved alcohol awareness program is on the premises when alcoholic beverages are served.

(f) The **[club] NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION** for which a multiple event license is issued may cater functions on their premises.

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- (g) The fee for a Class C multiple event license is:
- (1) \$125 for not more than 5 events per year;
 - (2) \$250 for not more than 12 events per year;
 - (3) \$375 for not more than 18 events per year; and
 - (4) \$500 for not more than 24 events per year.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

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(House Bill 685)

AN ACT concerning

Garrett County Alcoholic Beverages Act of 2025

FOR the purpose of ~~requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Garrett County to adopt certain regulations; requiring a Board~~ establishing certain deluxe complex restaurant and resort complex beer and wine and beer, wine, and liquor licenses in Garrett County; requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Garrett County to hold a hearing for the issuance of certain festival licenses and altering certain notice requirements for the hearing; requiring certain festival license applicants to apply to the Board in a certain manner; clarifying the entities to which the Board may issue certain multiple day and multiple event licenses; ~~establishing the Class BC resort beer, wine, and liquor license to apply to premises located on property of a certain minimum size;~~ and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Garrett County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

Section 21-102, ~~21-804(a), 21-903(a), 21-1002.1(a), and 21-1002.2(a)~~

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

Section 21-804.1, 21-903.1, 21-1002.3, and 21-1002.4

Annotated Code of Maryland

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

Section ~~21-804(f), 21-903(f), 21-1002.1(f), 21-1002.2(f),~~ 21-1304, 21-1304.1, 21-1304.2, 21-1304.3, 21-1305, 21-1309, and 21-1310

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~~BY adding to~~

~~Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis~~

~~Section 21-1002.3~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

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Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

21-102.

This title applies only in Garrett County.

~~21-804.~~

(a) ~~There is a Class BDR (deluxe restaurant) beer and wine license.~~

(f) ~~The Board shall:~~

~~(1) charge a one time issuing fee for a new license in an amount equal to the annual license fee; AND~~

~~(2) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.~~

~~21-903.~~

(a) ~~There is a Class BDR (deluxe restaurant) beer, wine, and liquor license.~~

(f) ~~The Board shall:~~

~~(1) charge a one time issuing fee for a new license in an amount equal to the annual license fee; AND~~

~~(2) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.~~

~~21-1002.1.~~

(a) ~~There is a Class B resort beer and wine license.~~

(f) ~~The Board shall:~~

~~(1) charge a one time issuing fee for a new license in an amount equal to the annual license fee; AND~~

~~(2) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.~~

~~21-1002.2.~~

(a) ~~There is a Class B resort beer, wine, and liquor license.~~

(f) ~~The Board shall:~~

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~~(1) charge a one-time issuing fee for a new license in an amount equal to the annual license fee; AND~~

~~(2) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.~~

~~21-1002.3.~~

~~(A) THERE IS A CLASS BC RESORT BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.~~

~~(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO A LICENSE HOLDER FOR A COMPLEX THAT HAS AT LEAST TWO FACILITIES THAT ARE:~~

~~(1) LOCATED ON THE SAME CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY THAT IS AT LEAST 20 ACRES IN SIZE;~~

~~(2) SEPARATED BY AT LEAST 150 FEET FROM THE MAIN AREA OF THE LICENSED PREMISES; AND~~

~~(3) DETERMINED BY THE BOARD TO BE HOTEL, MOTEL, RECREATIONAL, OR RESTAURANT FACILITIES.~~

~~(C) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL AT A HOTEL, MOTEL, RECREATIONAL, OR RESTAURANT FACILITY AT RETAIL AT THE PLACE DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE:~~

~~(1) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; AND~~

~~(2) BEER FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.~~

~~(D) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR DURING THE HOURS AND DAYS AS SET OUT FOR A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE UNDER § 21-2004 OF THIS TITLE.~~

~~(E) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEES ARE:~~

~~(1) \$3,000 FOR A 6-DAY LICENSE FOR TWO FACILITIES;~~

~~(2) \$1,500 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FACILITY FOR A 6-DAY LICENSE;~~

~~(3) \$3,500 FOR A 7-DAY LICENSE FOR TWO FACILITIES; AND~~

~~(4) \$1,750 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FACILITY FOR A 7-DAY LICENSE.~~

~~(F) THE BOARD SHALL:~~~~(1) CHARGE A ONE TIME ISSUING FEE FOR A NEW LICENSE IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE; AND~~~~(2) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.~~21-804.1.(A) THERE IS A CLASS BDR-DC (DELUXE COMPLEX RESTAURANT) BEER AND WINE LICENSE.(B) THE LICENSE MAY BE ISSUED TO A HOLDER OF:(1) ANY CLASS B ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD; OR(2) AN EQUIVALENT LICENSE THAT THE LOCAL LICENSING BOARD OF A DIFFERENT JURISDICTION ISSUES ONLY FOR USE BY A RESTAURANT.(C) (1) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE FOR USE BY A DELUXE COMPLEX RESTAURANT, AS DEFINED IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD, THAT:(I) HAS SEATING FOR AT LEAST 20 INDIVIDUALS; AND(II) HAS A MINIMUM CAPITAL INVESTMENT OF \$25,000 FOR THE RESTAURANT FACILITIES, NOT INCLUDING THE COST OF LAND OR BUILDINGS.(2) IF THE APPLICANT PURCHASES OR LEASES AN EXISTING BUILDING, THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE COST OF THE LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS SHALL BE BASED ON THE ASSESSED VALUE OF THE LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECORDS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE.(3) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL, AT RETAIL, AT THE PLACE DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE:(I) BEER AND WINE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; AND(II) BEER FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.(D) (1) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE WITH A CATERING OPTION.

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(2) IN ADDITION TO EXERCISING THE PRIVILEGES STATED IN SUBSECTION (C)(3) OF THIS SECTION, A HOLDER OF A LICENSE WITH A CATERING OPTION MAY SELL BEER AND WINE FOR CONSUMPTION AT EVENTS THAT THE LICENSE HOLDER CATERS OFF THE LICENSED PREMISES.

(3) TO EXERCISE THE CATERING OPTION, THE LICENSE HOLDER SHALL PROVIDE FOOD AT THE CATERED EVENT.

(4) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY EXERCISE THE CATERING OPTION ONLY DURING THE HOURS AND DAYS THAT THE BOARD ALLOWS.

(E) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEES ARE:

- (1) \$500 FOR A 6-DAY LICENSE WITHOUT A CATERING OPTION;
- (2) \$625 FOR A 6-DAY LICENSE WITH A CATERING OPTION;
- (3) \$585 FOR A 7-DAY LICENSE WITHOUT A CATERING OPTION; AND
- (4) \$710 FOR A 7-DAY LICENSE WITH A CATERING OPTION.

(F) THE BOARD SHALL:

(1) CHARGE A ONE-TIME ISSUING FEE FOR A NEW LICENSE IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE; AND

(2) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

21-903.1.

(A) THERE IS A CLASS BDR-DC (DELUXE COMPLEX RESTAURANT) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO A HOLDER OF:

(1) ANY CLASS B ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES LICENSE ISSUED BY THE BOARD; OR

(2) AN EQUIVALENT LICENSE THAT THE LOCAL LICENSING BOARD OF A DIFFERENT JURISDICTION ISSUES ONLY FOR USE BY A RESTAURANT.

(C) (1) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE FOR USE BY A DELUXE COMPLEX RESTAURANT, AS DEFINED IN THE REGULATIONS OF THE BOARD, WITH:

(I) SEATING AT TABLES, NOT INCLUDING SEATS AT BARS OR COUNTERS, FOR AT LEAST 20 INDIVIDUALS; AND

(II) A CAPITAL INVESTMENT OF AT LEAST \$250,000 FOR THE RESTAURANT FACILITIES, NOT INCLUDING THE COST OF LAND OR BUILDINGS.

(2) IF AN APPLICANT PURCHASES OR LEASES AN EXISTING BUILDING, THE CAPITAL INVESTMENT ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE COST OF THE LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS SHALL BE BASED ON THE ASSESSED VALUE OF THE LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECORDS OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION AT THE TIME OF PURCHASE OR LEASE.

(3) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL, AT RETAIL, AT THE PLACE DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE:

(I) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; AND

(II) BEER FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.

(D) (1) A LICENSE HOLDER OF A CLASS BDR-DC (DELUXE COMPLEX RESTAURANT) LICENSE MAY ACQUIRE A CATERING OPTION THAT AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FOR CONSUMPTION AT EVENTS CATERED BY THE LICENSE HOLDER IN THE COUNTY OFF THE LICENSED PREMISES.

(2) A LICENSE HOLDER PROVIDING ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT A CATERED EVENT OFF THE LICENSED PREMISES SHALL ALSO PROVIDE FOOD.

(3) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY EXERCISE CATERING PRIVILEGES ONLY DURING HOURS AND DAYS THAT ARE AUTHORIZED UNDER THE CLASS B LICENSE.

(E) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEES ARE:

(1) \$2,250 FOR A 6-DAY LICENSE WITHOUT A CATERING OPTION;

(2) \$2,750 FOR A 6-DAY LICENSE WITH A CATERING OPTION;

(3) \$2,625 FOR A 7-DAY LICENSE WITHOUT A CATERING OPTION; AND

(4) \$3,125 FOR A 7-DAY LICENSE WITH A CATERING OPTION.

(F) THE BOARD SHALL:

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(1) CHARGE A ONE-TIME ISSUING FEE FOR A NEW LICENSE IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE; AND

(2) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

21-1002.3.

(A) THERE IS A CLASS BRC-RESORT COMPLEX BEER AND WINE LICENSE.

(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO A LICENSE HOLDER FOR A COMPLEX THAT HAS AT LEAST TWO FACILITIES THAT ARE:

(1) LOCATED ON THE SAME CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY;

(2) SEPARATED BY AT LEAST 150 FEET FROM THE MAIN AREA OF THE LICENSED PREMISES; AND

(3) DETERMINED BY THE BOARD TO BE HOTEL, MOTEL, RECREATIONAL, OR RESTAURANT FACILITIES.

(C) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL AT A HOTEL, MOTEL, RECREATIONAL, OR RESTAURANT FACILITY AT RETAIL AT THE PLACE DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE:

(1) BEER AND WINE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; AND

(2) BEER FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.

(D) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER AND WINE DURING THE HOURS AND DAYS AS SET OUT FOR A CLASS B BEER AND WINE LICENSE UNDER § 21-2003 OF THIS TITLE.

(E) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEES ARE:

(1) \$700 FOR A 6-DAY LICENSE FOR TWO FACILITIES;

(2) \$350 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FACILITY FOR A 6-DAY LICENSE;

(3) \$820 FOR A 7-DAY LICENSE FOR TWO FACILITIES; AND

(4) \$410 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FACILITY FOR A 7-DAY LICENSE.

(F) THE BOARD SHALL:

(1) CHARGE A ONE-TIME ISSUING FEE FOR A NEW LICENSE IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE; AND

(2) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

21-1002.4.

(A) THERE IS A CLASS BRC-RESORT COMPLEX BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO A LICENSE HOLDER FOR A COMPLEX THAT HAS AT LEAST TWO FACILITIES THAT ARE:

(1) LOCATED ON THE SAME CONTIGUOUS PROPERTY;

(2) SEPARATED BY AT LEAST 150 FEET FROM THE MAIN AREA OF THE LICENSED PREMISES; AND

(3) DETERMINED BY THE BOARD TO BE HOTEL, MOTEL, RECREATIONAL, OR RESTAURANT FACILITIES.

(C) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL AT A HOTEL, MOTEL, RECREATIONAL, OR RESTAURANT FACILITY AT RETAIL AT THE PLACE DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE:

(1) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; AND

(2) BEER FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.

(D) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR DURING THE HOURS AND DAYS AS SET OUT FOR A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE UNDER § 21-2004 OF THIS TITLE.

(E) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEES ARE:

(1) \$3,000 FOR A 6-DAY LICENSE FOR TWO FACILITIES;

(2) \$1,500 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FACILITY FOR A 6-DAY LICENSE;

(3) \$3,500 FOR A 7-DAY LICENSE FOR TWO FACILITIES; AND

(4) \$1,750 FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FACILITY FOR A 7-DAY LICENSE.

(F) THE BOARD SHALL:

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(1) CHARGE A ONE-TIME ISSUING FEE FOR A NEW LICENSE IN AN AMOUNT EQUAL TO THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE; AND

(2) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

21-1304.

(a) (1) There is a beer festival license.

(2) The Board may issue not more than four beer festival licenses each year.

(3) AN APPLICANT FOR THE LICENSE SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION ON THE FORM THAT THE BOARD PROVIDES.

(b) The Board may issue the license to a holder of:

(1) a retail license issued by the Board;

(2) a Class 5 brewery license;

(3) a Class 6 pub-brewery license;

(4) a Class 7 micro-brewery license;

(5) a Class 8 farm brewery license; or

(6) a person that is eligible to hold a Class C multiple day or multiple event license.

(c) The license authorizes the holder to display and sell beer that is:

(1) manufactured and processed in any state; and

(2) distributed in the State when the license application is filed.

(d) A license holder may display and sell beer:

(1) at retail for on- and off-premises consumption; and

(2) during the hours and days designated for a beer festival.

(e) The Board shall [choose]:

(1) HOLD A HEARING ON A LICENSE APPLICATION;

(2) PUBLISH NOTICE OF THE LICENSE APPLICATION HEARING ONE TIME AT LEAST 7 DAYS BEFORE THE HEARING;

[(1)] (3) CHOOSE a fixed period of time for the festival of up to 3 consecutive days, excluding Sunday; and

[(2)] (4) CHOOSE a location that is not already licensed.

(f) Notwithstanding subsection (e)(1) of this section, a holder of a beer festival license issued for a location at which Sunday sales are allowed under § 21-2002(e) of this title may make Sunday sales beginning at 10 a.m.

(g) Beer displayed and sold shall be:

(1) invoiced to the license holder by a wholesaler or holder of a Class 5 brewery license, Class 6 pub-brewery license, Class 7 micro-brewery license, or Class 8 farm brewery license; and

(2) delivered to the beer festival from the licensed premises of the wholesaler.

(h) A holder of a State wholesaler's license, a Class 5 brewery license, a Class 6 pub-brewery license, a Class 7 micro-brewery license, or a Class 8 farm brewery license may enter into an agreement with the license holder to:

(1) deliver beer not earlier than 2 days before the effective date of the license; and

(2) accept returns not later than 2 days after the expiration date of the license.

(i) A person may hold a beer festival license in addition to another license.

(j) The Board shall set the fee.

(k) The Board shall adopt regulations to carry out this section.

21-1304.1.

(a) There is a Class C beer and wine street festival license.

(b) The Board may issue the license to a person that is eligible to hold a Class C multiple day or multiple event license.

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(c) The license authorizes the holder to sell beer and wine for on-premises consumption at an entertainment event that is:

(1) held in an arts and entertainment district; and

(2) if required, approved by the mayor and town council of the municipality where the event is located.

(d) During an event for which the license is issued, an individual in the event area approved by the Board who uses a designated container unique to the event may:

(1) purchase beer or wine from:

(i) the holder of the beer and wine street festival license; or

(ii) another license holder with on-sale privileges within the arts and entertainment district;

(2) transport beer or wine in the designated container:

(i) to the premises of a license holder with on-sale privileges in the arts and entertainment district; and

(ii) in the approved event area; and

(3) consume beer and wine:

(i) on the premises of a license holder with on-sale privileges in the arts and entertainment district; and

(ii) in the approved event area.

(e) An applicant for the license shall submit an application on the form that the Board provides.

(f) The Board shall:

(1) HOLD A HEARING ON A LICENSE APPLICATION; AND

(2) publish [a notice for applications for the license] NOTICE OF THE LICENSE APPLICATION HEARING one time at least 7 days before [a license] THE hearing.

(g) A license holder may purchase beer and wine from a holder of a retail or wholesaler's license.

(h) The license holder:

(1) shall distribute a wristband to each individual who is at least 21 years old at the event for which the license is issued; and

(2) may not serve beer or wine to an individual who does not wear a wristband.

(i) The organization for which the license is issued shall ensure that at least one server who is certified by an approved alcohol awareness program is on the premises when alcoholic beverages are served.

(j) The license holder may hold another license of a different class or nature.

(k) The license may be used for a maximum of 26 days in a calendar year.

(l) The license fee is \$50 per day.

(M) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

21-1304.2.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Festival” means the Garrett County Beer and Wine Festival.

(3) “Festival organization” means a nonprofit organization that is chosen by the county in accordance with subsection (c) of this section to organize a festival.

(b) (1) There is a Garrett County Beer and Wine Festival.

(2) Under the supervision of the Board, the festival organization may conduct the Festival annually for a fixed period of time of up to 3 consecutive days.

(c) (1) In selecting a nonprofit organization to be a festival organization, the county shall ensure that the nonprofit organization has extensive experience in organizing and managing large-scale public events.

(2) The Board may issue not more than four beer and wine festival licenses each year.

(d) The Board may issue the license to a holder of a retail license or a person that is eligible to hold a Class C multiple day or multiple event license.

(e) AN APPLICANT FOR THE LICENSE SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION ON THE FORM THAT THE BOARD PROVIDES.

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(F) The license authorizes the holder to display and sell beer and wine that is:

- (1) manufactured and processed in or outside the State; and
- (2) distributed in the State when the license application is filed.

[(f)] (G) A license holder shall display and sell beer and wine:

- (1) at retail for on- and off-premises consumption; and
- (2) during the hours and days designated for the beer and wine festival.

[(g)] (H) The Board shall:

- (1) hold a hearing on a license application; and
- (2) publish notice of **[a] THE** license application hearing **[in a newspaper of general circulation in the county]** one time at least 7 days before the hearing.

[(h)] (I) (1) The Board shall choose a location for the festival that is not already licensed.

(2) If the location chosen allows for Sunday sales, Sunday sales may begin at 10 a.m.

[(i)] (J) Beer and wine displayed and sold shall be:

- (1) invoiced to the license holder by a retailer or wholesaler; and
- (2) delivered to the festival from the licensed premises of the retailer or wholesaler.

[(j)] (K) A holder of a retail license or State wholesaler's license may enter into an agreement with the holder of the festival license to:

- (1) deliver beer and wine not earlier than 2 days before the effective date of the license; and
- (2) accept returns not later than 5 days after the expiration date of the license.

[(k)] (L) The Board shall establish the license fee.

[(l)] (M) The Board shall adopt regulations to carry out this section.

21-1304.3.

- (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.
- (2) “Festival” means the Garrett County Beer, Wine, and Liquor Festival.
- (3) “Festival organization” means a nonprofit organization that is chosen by the county in accordance with subsection (c) of this section to organize a festival.
- (b) (1) There is a beer, wine, and liquor festival license.
- (2) Under the supervision of the Board, the festival organization may conduct the festival annually for a fixed period of time of up to 3 consecutive days.
- (c) (1) In selecting a nonprofit organization to be a festival organization, the county shall ensure that the nonprofit organization has extensive experience in organizing and managing large-scale public events.
- (2) The Board may issue not more than four beer, wine, and liquor festival licenses each year.
- (d) (1) The Board may issue the beer, wine, and liquor festival license to a holder of a retail license or a person that is eligible to hold a Class C multiple day or multiple event license.
- (2) **AN APPLICANT FOR THE LICENSE SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION ON THE FORM THAT THE BOARD PROVIDES.**
- (e) The license authorizes the license holder to display and sell beer, wine, and liquor that is:
 - (1) manufactured and processed in or outside the State; and
 - (2) distributed in the State when the license application is filed.
- (f) A license holder shall display and sell beer, wine, and liquor:
 - (1) at retail for on- and off-premises consumption; and
 - (2) during the hours and days designated for the festival.
- (g) The Board shall:
 - (1) hold a hearing on a license application; and
 - (2) publish notice of [a] **THE** license application hearing [in a newspaper of general circulation in the county] one time at least 7 days before the hearing.

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(h) (1) The Board shall choose a location for the festival that is not already licensed.

(2) If the location chosen allows for Sunday sales, Sunday sales may begin at 10 a.m.

(i) Beer, wine, and liquor displayed and sold shall be:

(1) invoiced to the license holder by a retailer or wholesaler; and

(2) delivered to the festival from the licensed premises of the retailer or wholesaler.

(j) A holder of a retail license or State wholesaler's license may enter into an agreement with the holder of the beer, wine, and liquor festival license to:

(1) deliver beer, wine, and liquor not earlier than 2 days before the effective date of the license; and

(2) accept returns not later than 5 days after the expiration date of the license.

(k) The Board shall establish the beer, wine, and liquor festival license fee.

(l) The Board shall adopt regulations to carry out this section.

21–1305.

(a) (1) There is a wine festival license.

(2) The Board may issue not more than four wine festival licenses each year.

(3) AN APPLICANT FOR THE LICENSE SHALL SUBMIT AN APPLICATION ON THE FORM THAT THE BOARD PROVIDES.

(b) The Board may issue the license to:

(1) a holder of a retail license, Class 3 winery license, or Class 4 limited winery license; or

(2) a person that is eligible to hold a Class C multiple day or multiple event license.

(c) The license authorizes the holder to display and sell wine that is:

- (1) manufactured and processed in any state; and
 - (2) distributed in the State when the license application is filed.
- (d) A license holder shall display and sell wine:
 - (1) at retail for on- and off-premises consumption; and
 - (2) during the hours and days designated for the wine festival.
- (e) The Board shall:
 - (1) hold a hearing on each license application; and
 - (2) publish notice of [a] **THE** license application hearing [in a newspaper of general circulation in the county] one time at least 7 days before the hearing.
- (f)
 - (1) Subject to paragraph (3) of this subsection, each year the Board shall choose up to 3 consecutive days for the wine festival.
 - (2) The Board shall choose a location that is not already licensed.
 - (3) A day chosen for the wine festival may not:
 - (i) be a Sunday; or
 - (ii) fall on the same weekend as the Maryland Wine Festival in Carroll County.
- (g) Notwithstanding subsection (f)(3)(i) of this section, a holder of a wine festival license issued for use in a location where Sunday sales are allowed may make Sunday sales beginning at 10 a.m.
- (h) Wine displayed and sold shall be:
 - (1) invoiced to the license holder by a wholesaler, Class 3 winery, or Class 4 limited winery; and
 - (2) delivered to the wine festival from the licensed premises of the wholesaler, Class 3 winery, or Class 4 limited winery.
- (i) A holder of a State wholesale, Class 3 winery, or Class 4 limited winery license may enter into an agreement with the license holder to:

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(1) deliver wine not earlier than 2 days before the effective date of the license; and

(2) accept returns not later than 5 days after the expiration date of the license.

(j) The Board shall establish the license fee.

(k) The Board shall adopt regulations to carry out this section.

21-1309.

(a) The Board may issue a Class C multiple day beer license, beer and wine license, and beer, wine, and liquor license to a [club] **NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION** for the following fees and license types:

(1) \$50 for a 2-day license;

(2) \$150 for a 6-day license; and

(3) \$300 for a 12-day license.

(b) The license holder may hold another license issued by the Board that is of a different class or nature.

(c) The Board is not required to hold a hearing before issuing a license under this section if a license holder anticipates attendance of fewer than 500 individuals at an event.

21-1310.

(a) The Board may issue a multiple event license to a [club] **NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION** that qualifies for a Class C multiple day license.

(b) The Board may not issue more than one multiple event license to a [club] **NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION** in a license year.

(c) The license holder may hold another license issued by the Board that is of a different class or nature.

(d) (1) The Board shall publish a notice for application for the license one time at least 7 days before a license hearing.

(2) A license holder shall notify the Board in writing at least 7 days before an event for which the license is to be used.

(e) The [club] **NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION** for which a multiple event license is issued shall ensure that at least one server who is certified by an approved alcohol awareness program is on the premises when alcoholic beverages are served.

(f) The [club] **NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION** for which a multiple event license is issued may cater functions on their premises.

(g) The fee for a Class C multiple event license is:

- (1) \$125 for not more than 5 events per year;
- (2) \$250 for not more than 12 events per year;
- (3) \$375 for not more than 18 events per year; and
- (4) \$500 for not more than 24 events per year.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.





ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

HARFORD COUNTY

SB 744 / HB 754

Alcoholic Beverages - Hearing Notice

 EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Sections 22-1501(b)(4) and 22-1505

SUMMARY:

- ▶ Requires the Board to hold public hearings on proposed regulation changes and to either advertise them in a local newspaper or post notice online at least two weeks in advance.
- ▶ Mandates the Board to publish notice of a license application hearing either in a local newspaper for two consecutive weeks or online at least 14 days before the hearing date.
- ▶ The Board is now required to publish its decision in either a local newspaper or on its website, rather than being required to do both.

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Chapter 809

(Senate Bill 744)

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Hearing Notice

FOR the purpose of altering certain notice requirements before the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County may hold public hearings on proposed regulatory changes or license applications; providing that the Board may publish a decision on certain license applications either in certain newspapers or on its website; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

Section 4–202(a), (d), and (e), 4–208, 22–102, and 22–1501(b)(4)

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

Section 22–209 and 22–1505

Annotated Code of Maryland

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

4–202.

(a) A local licensing board is authorized to issue licenses in its jurisdiction.

(d) A local licensing board by regulation may:

(1) restrict, in accordance with a definite standard, the number of licenses that the local licensing board considers sufficient for a neighborhood;

(2) regulate the use of mechanical music boxes and other sound-making devices;

(3) divide a municipality or county into districts; and

(4) establish areas in which a license may not be issued.

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(e) An applicant for a license or a license holder who is aggrieved by a regulation adopted under this section may seek judicial review as provided in Subtitle 9 of this title.

4–208.

(a) Before a local licensing board may approve an application for a license, the local licensing board shall publish notice of the application two times in 2 successive weeks:

(1) in two newspapers of general circulation in the jurisdiction; or

(2) if only one newspaper of general circulation exists in the jurisdiction, in that newspaper.

(b) The notice shall state:

(1) the name of the applicant;

(2) the type of license for which the application is made;

(3) the location described in the application; and

(4) the date, time, and place set by the local licensing board for a hearing on the application.

22–102.

This title applies only in Harford County.

22–209.

(a) The Board may adopt regulations to carry out this article.

(b) (1) The Board shall hold public hearings on all proposed alterations of its regulations.

(2) [The hearings shall be advertised at] **AT** least 2 consecutive weeks before the scheduled public hearings, **THE BOARD SHALL:**

(i) **ADVERTISE THE PUBLIC HEARINGS** in at least one newspaper of general circulation published in the county; [and] **OR**

(ii) [on the website of the Board] **POST NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS ONLINE.**

22–1501.

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(b) The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 2 (“Issuance or Denial of Local Licenses”) of Division I of this article apply in the county:

(4) § 4–208 (“Notice of license application required”), subject to § 22–1505 of this subtitle;
22–1505.

(a) Before holding a hearing for an application for a license, the Board shall [publish notice of the application two times in 2 successive weeks]:

(1) **PUBLISH NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION TWO TIMES IN 2 SUCCESSIVE WEEKS** in one newspaper of general circulation published in the county; [and] **OR**

(2) **[on the Board’s website] POST NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION HEARING ONLINE AT LEAST 14 DAYS BEFORE THE APPLICATION HEARING DATE.**

(b) (1) For a hearing for an application for a new license or an upgrade to an existing license, the Board shall post a notice in a conspicuous location on the exterior of the location described in the application.

(2) The notice shall be on a sign that measures at least 12 by 18 inches and include:

- (i) the class of license for which application is made;
- (ii) the name of the applicant; and
- (iii) the date, time, and location for the application hearing.

(3) The notice shall remain posted for 20 days before the hearing.

(c) (1) The Board shall publish its decision on an application for a new license, an upgrade of an existing license, or a change of location of an existing license:

(i) in one newspaper of general circulation published in the county;
[and] **OR**

(ii) on the Board’s website.

(2) The decision shall state the name of the license holder, the type of license, and the location of the premises.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

WES MOORE, Governor

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Chapter 810

(House Bill 754)

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Hearing Notice

FOR the purpose of altering certain notice requirements before the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County may hold public hearings on proposed regulatory changes or license applications; providing that the Board may publish a decision on certain license applications either in certain newspapers or on its website; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

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4–202.

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(d) A local licensing board by regulation may:

(1) restrict, in accordance with a definite standard, the number of licenses that the local licensing board considers sufficient for a neighborhood;

(2) regulate the use of mechanical music boxes and other sound-making devices;

(3) divide a municipality or county into districts; and

(4) establish areas in which a license may not be issued.

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(e) An applicant for a license or a license holder who is aggrieved by a regulation adopted under this section may seek judicial review as provided in Subtitle 9 of this title.

4–208.

(a) Before a local licensing board may approve an application for a license, the local licensing board shall publish notice of the application two times in 2 successive weeks:

- (1) in two newspapers of general circulation in the jurisdiction; or
- (2) if only one newspaper of general circulation exists in the jurisdiction, in that newspaper.

(b) The notice shall state:

- (1) the name of the applicant;
- (2) the type of license for which the application is made;
- (3) the location described in the application; and
- (4) the date, time, and place set by the local licensing board for a hearing on the application.

22–102.

This title applies only in Harford County.

22–209.

(a) The Board may adopt regulations to carry out this article.

(b) (1) The Board shall hold public hearings on all proposed alterations of its regulations.

(2) [The hearings shall be advertised at] **AT** least 2 consecutive weeks before the scheduled public hearings, **THE BOARD SHALL:**

(i) **ADVERTISE THE PUBLIC HEARINGS** in at least one newspaper of general circulation published in the county; [and] **OR**

(ii) [on the website of the Board] **POST NOTICE OF THE PUBLIC HEARINGS ONLINE.**

22–1501.

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(b) The following sections of Title 4, Subtitle 2 (“Issuance or Denial of Local Licenses”) of Division I of this article apply in the county:

(4) § 4–208 (“Notice of license application required”), subject to § 22–1505 of this subtitle;
22–1505.

(a) Before holding a hearing for an application for a license, the Board shall [publish notice of the application two times in 2 successive weeks]:

(1) **PUBLISH NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION TWO TIMES IN 2 SUCCESSIVE WEEKS** in one newspaper of general circulation published in the county; [and] **OR**

(2) **[on the Board’s website] POST NOTICE OF THE APPLICATION HEARING ONLINE AT LEAST 14 DAYS BEFORE THE APPLICATION HEARING DATE.**

(b) (1) For a hearing for an application for a new license or an upgrade to an existing license, the Board shall post a notice in a conspicuous location on the exterior of the location described in the application.

(2) The notice shall be on a sign that measures at least 12 by 18 inches and include:

- (i) the class of license for which application is made;
- (ii) the name of the applicant; and
- (iii) the date, time, and location for the application hearing.

(3) The notice shall remain posted for 20 days before the hearing.

(c) (1) The Board shall publish its decision on an application for a new license, an upgrade of an existing license, or a change of location of an existing license:

(i) in one newspaper of general circulation published in the county;
[and] **OR**

(ii) on the Board’s website.

(2) The decision shall state the name of the license holder, the type of license, and the location of the premises.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

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Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

HARFORD COUNTY

SB 745 / HB 714

Performing Arts Nonprofit Organization License - Record-Keeping Requirements

 EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 22-1005.2 (k)

SUMMARY:

- ▶ This bill removes references to the Comptroller's Office.
- ▶ Authorize the ATCC and Harford County Liquor Board to conduct inspections and request receipts of the purchases and sales of alcoholic beverages by the holder of a Performing Arts Non-Profit Organization License.
- ▶ Gives the Board more discretion over the hearing process and penalties for violations of this license.

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(Senate Bill 745)

AN ACT concerning

**Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Performing Arts Nonprofit
Organization License – Record-Keeping Requirements**

FOR the purpose of repealing certain incorrect references to the Comptroller of Maryland in certain provisions of law requiring the holder of a performing arts nonprofit organization license in Harford County to comply with certain record-keeping and reporting requirements; repealing the authority of the Comptroller to suspend the license of a license holder without a hearing under certain circumstances; authorizing, rather than requiring, the Board to summon a license holder for a hearing and impose a fine under certain circumstances; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 22–102 and 22–1005.2(b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 22–1005.2(k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

22–102.

This title applies only in Harford County.

22–1005.2.

(b) There is a performing arts nonprofit organization beer, wine, and liquor license.

(k) (1) The license holder shall:

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(i) keep complete and accurate records of all alcoholic beverages sold, served, and purchased under this section;

(ii) on written request of [the Comptroller,] the Board[,] or the Executive Director, report on the form that [the Comptroller,] the Board[,] or the Executive Director requires information relating to the alcoholic beverages that are the subject of the records required to be kept; and

(iii) on request of [the Comptroller,] the Board[,] or the Executive Director, make the report under oath.

(2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, each license holder shall keep records at the location designated in the license.

(ii) If the license holder is allowed to have more than one location, the license holder may keep the records at the principal location.

(iii) The records shall:

1. meet form and content requirements of [the Comptroller,] the Board[,] or the Executive Director;

2. be preserved for at least 2 years in a manner that ensures permanency; and

3. be made available for audit or inspection during regular business hours by [the Comptroller,] the Board, [or] the Executive Director, or a designee of [the Comptroller,] the Board[,] or the Executive Director.

(3) (i) [The Comptroller may without a hearing immediately suspend for a maximum of 30 days the license of a license holder who fails to comply with this subsection.

(ii) If a report required by this section or an investigation by the Board, a Board officer, [the Comptroller,] the Executive Director, or any other person indicates that the license holder is violating this section, the Board [shall] **MAY** summon the license holder and conduct a hearing.

[(iii)] **(II)** If the charges at the hearing are sustained, the Board:

1. [shall] **MAY** impose a fine of not less than \$250 and not more than \$2,000; and

2. may suspend or revoke the license holder's license immediately.

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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

WES MOORE, Governor

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Chapter 788

(House Bill 714)

AN ACT concerning

**Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Performing Arts Nonprofit
Organization License – Record-Keeping Requirements**

FOR the purpose of repealing certain incorrect references to the Comptroller of Maryland in certain provisions of law requiring the holder of a performing arts nonprofit organization license in Harford County to comply with certain record-keeping and reporting requirements; repealing the authority of the Comptroller to suspend the license of a license holder without a hearing under certain circumstances; authorizing, rather than requiring, the Board to summon a license holder for a hearing and impose a fine under certain circumstances; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 22–102 and 22–1005.2(b)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 22–1005.2(k)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

22–102.

This title applies only in Harford County.

22–1005.2.

(b) There is a performing arts nonprofit organization beer, wine, and liquor license.

(k) (1) The license holder shall:

(i) keep complete and accurate records of all alcoholic beverages sold, served, and purchased under this section;

(ii) on written request of [the Comptroller,] the Board[,] or the Executive Director, report on the form that [the Comptroller,] the Board[,] or the Executive Director requires information relating to the alcoholic beverages that are the subject of the records required to be kept; and

(iii) on request of [the Comptroller,] the Board[,] or the Executive Director, make the report under oath.

(2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, each license holder shall keep records at the location designated in the license.

(ii) If the license holder is allowed to have more than one location, the license holder may keep the records at the principal location.

(iii) The records shall:

1. meet form and content requirements of [the Comptroller,] the Board[,] or the Executive Director;

2. be preserved for at least 2 years in a manner that ensures permanency; and

3. be made available for audit or inspection during regular business hours by [the Comptroller,] the Board, [or] the Executive Director, or a designee of [the Comptroller,] the Board[,] or the Executive Director.

(3) (i) [The Comptroller may without a hearing immediately suspend for a maximum of 30 days the license of a license holder who fails to comply with this subsection.

(ii) If a report required by this section or an investigation by the Board, a Board officer, [the Comptroller,] the Executive Director, or any other person indicates that the license holder is violating this section, the Board [shall] **MAY** summon the license holder and conduct a hearing.

[(iii)] (II) If the charges at the hearing are sustained, the Board:

1. [shall] **MAY** impose a fine of not less than \$250 and not more than \$2,000; and

2. may suspend or revoke the license holder's license immediately.

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SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

HARFORD COUNTY

SB 746 / HB 712

Multiple Licenses - Golf Simulator Facilities

 EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 22-1607

SUMMARY:

- ▶ Allows the Board to issue one Class GSF (Golf Simulator Facility) to the holder of one or more Class B licenses.
- ▶ Authorizes the Board to issue one Class GSF license to a person who holds one or more Class B licenses, but the GSF license counts toward the maximum total of 9 licenses issued to the same person.

WES MOORE, Governor

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Chapter 792

(Senate Bill 746)

AN ACT concerning

**Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Multiple Licenses – Golf Simulator
Facilities**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue a Class GSF (golf simulator facility) license to a holder of a Class B license; clarifying that the Class GSF (golf simulator facility) license counts toward a certain total number of allowable Class B alcoholic beverages licenses a holder may be issued; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 22–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 22–1607
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

22–102.

This title applies only in Harford County.

22–1607.

(A) [The] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE** Board may issue a maximum number of nine Class B licenses to the same person.

(B) (1) **THE BOARD MAY ISSUE ONE CLASS GSF (GOLF SIMULATOR FACILITY) LICENSE UNDER § 22–1003.2 OF THIS TITLE TO THE HOLDER OF ONE OR MORE CLASS B LICENSES.**

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(2) A CLASS GSF (GOLF SIMULATOR FACILITY) LICENSE ISSUED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENSES THAT MAY BE ISSUED TO THE SAME PERSON UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

WES MOORE, Governor

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Chapter 793

(House Bill 712)

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Multiple Licenses – Golf Simulator Facilities

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue a Class GSF (golf simulator facility) license to a holder of a Class B license; clarifying that the Class GSF (golf simulator facility) license counts toward a certain total number of allowable Class B alcoholic beverages licenses a holder may be issued; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 22–102
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 22–1607
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

22–102.

This title applies only in Harford County.

22–1607.

(A) [The] **EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, THE** Board may issue a maximum number of nine Class B licenses to the same person.

(B) (1) **THE BOARD MAY ISSUE ONE CLASS GSF (GOLF SIMULATOR FACILITY) LICENSE UNDER § 22–1003.2 OF THIS TITLE TO THE HOLDER OF ONE OR MORE CLASS B LICENSES.**

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(2) A CLASS GSF (GOLF SIMULATOR FACILITY) LICENSE ISSUED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE TOTAL NUMBER OF LICENSES THAT MAY BE ISSUED TO THE SAME PERSON UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

HARFORD COUNTY

HB 715

Alteration of License Quota

 EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 22-1601

SUMMARY:

- ▶ Lowers the population-based cap on Class A, A-1, and A-2 licenses that can be issued by the Board.
- ▶ The new ratio is a maximum of one (1) of each of those license types for every 4,750 people in the county, instead of one (1) of each type per 4,000 people.

Chapter 802

(House Bill 715)

AN ACT concerning

Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Alteration of License Quota

FOR the purpose of altering the quota used to determine the maximum number of certain alcoholic beverages licenses that the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County may issue; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 22–102
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 22–1601
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

22–102.

This title applies only in Harford County.

22–1601.

(a) For every [4,000] **4,750** individuals in the county, as specified by the Maryland Department of Health, the Board may not issue more than:

- (1) one Class A (off-sale) license;
- (2) one Class A–1 (off-sale) license; or
- (3) one Class A–2 (off-sale) license.

(b) If the number of licenses in a class exceeds the quota specified in subsection (a) of this section, the Board may not issue a new license of that class unless the number of

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licenses of that class are reduced by revocation or surrender, creating a vacancy under the particular quota specified.

(c) This section does not apply to the transfer, conversion, or renewal of a license.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.





ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

HOWARD COUNTY

SB 1036 / HB 1387

Class D Licenses - Delivery Ho. Co. 21-25

 EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 23-1904

SUMMARY: Allows Class D license holders and their employees to deliver alcoholic beverages within the county.

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(Senate Bill 1036)

AN ACT concerning

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class D Licenses – Delivery**Ho. Co. 21–25**

FOR the purpose of applying certain provisions of law relating to the delivery of alcoholic beverages in Howard County to a holder or an employee of a holder of a Class D license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 23–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 23–1904
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

23–102.

This title applies only in Howard County.

23–1904.

(a) (1) The holder of a Class A **OR CLASS D** license or an employee of the license holder may deliver alcoholic beverages only within the county.

(2) An employee making a delivery shall meet the age requirements of § 23–1902 of this subtitle.

(b) The deliverer and individual receiving the delivery shall, at the time of delivery, endorse a delivery form that the Board approves, certifying that:

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(1) the individual receiving the delivery claimed to be at least 21 years old and the claim was supported by documentary evidence;

(2) the individual receiving the delivery knew that it is a criminal offense for alcoholic beverages to be given to an individual under the age of 21 years; and

(3) the deliverer examined the recipient's identification.

(c) A license holder or an employee of a license holder may not make a retail delivery of alcoholic beverages unless the purchaser:

(1) or another individual at least 21 years old designated by the purchaser, is physically present to receive the alcoholic beverages at the time and place of delivery; and

(2) pays for the purchase at the time of the order.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

Chapter 804

(House Bill 1387)

AN ACT concerning

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class D Licenses – Delivery

FOR the purpose of applying certain provisions of law relating to the delivery of alcoholic beverages in Howard County to a holder or an employee of a holder of a Class D license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 23–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 23–1904
Annotated Code of Maryland
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Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

23–102.

This title applies only in Howard County.

23–1904.

(a) (1) The holder of a Class A **OR CLASS D** license or an employee of the license holder may deliver alcoholic beverages only within the county.

(2) An employee making a delivery shall meet the age requirements of § 23–1902 of this subtitle.

(b) The deliverer and individual receiving the delivery shall, at the time of delivery, endorse a delivery form that the Board approves, certifying that:

(1) the individual receiving the delivery claimed to be at least 21 years old and the claim was supported by documentary evidence;

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(2) the individual receiving the delivery knew that it is a criminal offense for alcoholic beverages to be given to an individual under the age of 21 years; and

(3) the deliverer examined the recipient's identification.

(c) A license holder or an employee of a license holder may not make a retail delivery of alcoholic beverages unless the purchaser:

(1) or another individual at least 21 years old designated by the purchaser, is physically present to receive the alcoholic beverages at the time and place of delivery; and

(2) pays for the purchase at the time of the order.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

HOWARD COUNTY**HB 1494****Class MT (Movie Theater) License** EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025**STATUTES AFFECTED:** Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 23-1004.2**SUMMARY:**

- ▶ Establishes a Class MT (Movie Theater) Beer, Wine, and Liquor license for movie theater owners with crowd control training certification.
- ▶ Allows the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption to patrons with a ticket to a current or future movie showing at the licensed location.
- ▶ Authorizes the Board to set the license's hours and days of sale, annual fee, and any other necessary conditions.
- ▶ Requires the Board to adopt regulations to implement this section.
- ▶ Mandates a movie theater alcohol license holder in Howard County to renew the license only as a Class MT Beer, Wine, and Liquor license.

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Chapter 798

(House Bill 1494)

AN ACT concerning

Howard County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class MT (Movie Theater) License

FOR the purpose of establishing a Class MT (movie theater) beer, wine, and liquor license in Howard County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Howard County to issue the license to the owner of a movie theater who holds a certain certification; authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor to certain patrons at retail for on-premises consumption; authorizing the Board to set ~~the hours and days of sale for the license and the annual license fee~~ certain limitations on and requirements for the license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Howard County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 23–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 23–1004.2
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

23–102.

This title applies only in Howard County.

23–1004.2.

(A) THERE IS A CLASS MT (MOVIE THEATER) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO THE OWNER OF A MOVIE THEATER THAT HOLDS A CROWD CONTROL TRAINING CERTIFICATION.

(C) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR AT RETAIL AT THE PLACE DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION BY A PATRON WHO HAS PURCHASED A TICKET TO A CURRENT OR FUTURE SHOWING OF A MOVIE ON THE LICENSED PREMISES.

(D) THE BOARD MAY SET:

(1) THE HOURS AND DAYS OF SALE FOR THE LICENSE; ~~AND~~

(2) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE; AND

(3) ANY OTHER LIMITATIONS ON AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LICENSE THAT THE BOARD CONSIDERS NECESSARY.

(E) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the holder of an alcoholic beverages license for a movie theater in Howard County may renew the license only as a Class MT (movie theater) beer, wine, and liquor license under § 23-1004.2 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.





ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

MONTGOMERY COUNTY**HB 1095****Beauty Salon and Barbershop License** EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025**STATUTES AFFECTED:** Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 25-1002**SUMMARY:**

- ▶ Expands and renames a Beauty Salon Beer and Wine license to a Beauty Salon and Barbershop Beer, Wine, and Liquor license.
- ▶ The license may be issued to beauty salon and barbershop permit holders.
- ▶ Sets limits on alcoholic beverages served exclusively on the premises to:
 - » 12 oz of beer,
 - » 5 oz of wine, or
 - » 1.7 oz of liquor.
- ▶ Alcohol may be served during cosmetology or barbering services, or during a fundraising event at the salon or barbershop, if the County Department of Permitting Services issues a permit.
- ▶ Licensees may serve alcoholic beverages only during regular business hours and no later than 9 p.m.

WES MOORE, Governor

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Chapter 836

(House Bill 1095)

AN ACT concerning

**Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – Beauty Salon and Barbershop
License**

MC 3-25

FOR the purpose of expanding eligibility for a certain beauty salon license in Montgomery County to include a holder of a certain barbershop permit; authorizing a holder of ~~a beauty salon license in Montgomery County~~ the license to provide a certain amount of liquor for on-premises consumption in addition to beer and wine; altering the amount of beer the holder may provide for on-premises consumption; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 25-102
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 25-1002
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

25-102.

This title applies only in Montgomery County.

25-1002.

(a) There is a beauty salon AND BARBERSHOP beer [and], wine, AND LIQUOR license.

(b) The Board may issue the license to a holder of:

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(1) a beauty salon permit issued under § 5–501 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article; **OR**

(2) A BARBERSHOP PERMIT ISSUED UNDER § 4–501 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE.

(c) The license authorizes the license holder to provide not more than **12 OUNCES OF BEER**, 5 ounces of [beer or] wine [by the glass], **OR 1.7 OUNCES OF LIQUOR** for on–premises consumption by a beauty salon **OR BARBERSHOP** customer:

(1) when the customer is provided a cosmetology service under ~~§ 5–101(n)~~ **TITLE 5** of the Business Occupations and Professions Article **OR A BARBERING SERVICE UNDER TITLE 4 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE**; or

(2) while the customer is attending a fund–raising event at the beauty salon **OR BARBERSHOP** for which the County Department of Permitting Services has issued a permit.

(d) The license may not be transferred to another location.

(e) The license holder may provide beer [and], wine, **AND LIQUOR** during normal business hours but not later than 9 p.m.

(f) An establishment for which the license is issued is subject to the alcohol awareness training requirements under § 4–505 of this article.

(g) The annual license fee is \$100.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

HB 1174

Class BD-BWL Licenses - Multiple Licenses MC 18-25

 EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 25-903, 25-1503, and 25-1614

SUMMARY:

- ▶ Limits a Class BD-BWL licensee to hold no more than two Class BD-BWL licenses.
 - » If a person holds two Class BD-BWL licenses, the second establishment must have average daily food sales that exceed alcohol sales.
- ▶ Adds that multiple Class BD-BWL licenses may be issued for the same premises or to an individual, partnership, corporation, unincorporated association, or LLC.

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(House Bill 1174)

AN ACT concerning

Montgomery County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class BD–BWL Licenses – Multiple Licenses**MC 18–25**

FOR the purpose of increasing the number of Class BD–BWL alcoholic beverages licenses in Montgomery County that the same person may hold; specifying that the establishment for which a second Class BD–BWL license is issued shall have average daily receipts from the sale of food that exceed the average daily receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages; ~~specifying that a second Class BD–BWL license issued to the same person authorizes the holder of the license to sell only certain beverages for off-premises consumption;~~ and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Montgomery County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 25–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 25–903, 25–1503, and 25–1614
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

25–102.

This title applies only in Montgomery County.

25–903.

- (a) There is a Class BD–BWL license.
- (b) The license authorizes the license holder to sell:

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- (1) beer and wine for on- or off-premises consumption; and
- (2) liquor for on-premises consumption.

(c) As a prerequisite for the initial issuance of the license, the owner of the establishment shall attest in a sworn statement that food will be available for sale for on-premises consumption during the hours that alcoholic beverages are permitted to be served.

(d) As a prerequisite for each renewal of the license, the owner of the establishment shall attest in a sworn statement that food will be available for sale for on-premises consumption during the hours that alcoholic beverages are permitted to be served.

(e) The Board by regulation shall specify the type of food that is required to be available for sale for on-premises consumption during the hours that alcoholic beverages are permitted to be served.

- (f) ~~(1)~~ A holder of a Class BD-BWL license:

~~1(1)~~ ~~(1)~~ may also hold a Class 7 micro-brewery license issued for a location in the county; but

~~1(2)~~ ~~(1)~~ may not hold more than [one] TWO Class BD-BWL [license] LICENSES.

~~(2) NOTWITHSTANDING SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, IF A PERSON HOLDS MORE THAN ONE CLASS BD-BWL LICENSE, THE SECOND CLASS BD-BWL LICENSE THAT IS ISSUED TO THE HOLDER AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO SELL, ON THE PREMISES DESCRIBED IN THE SECOND LICENSE:~~

~~(1) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; AND~~

~~(1) ONLY PRIVATE LABEL PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED EXCLUSIVELY FOR THE HOLDER FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.~~

(g) IF A PERSON HOLDS TWO CLASS BD-BWL LICENSES UNDER SUBSECTION (F)(2) OF THIS SECTION, THE ESTABLISHMENT FOR WHICH THE SECOND CLASS BD-BWL LICENSE IS ISSUED SHALL HAVE AVERAGE DAILY RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF FOOD THAT EXCEED THE AVERAGE DAILY RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES.

- (H) The annual license fee is \$3,500.

25–1503.

Multiple licenses may be issued for the same premises or to an individual for the use of that individual, a partnership, a corporation, an unincorporated association, or a limited liability company if:

(1) **(I)** the licenses are Class H beer and wine licenses; and

[(2)] (II) each premises is a restaurant in a bowling establishment that has at least 30 lanes with automatic pinsetters; **OR**

(2) THE LICENSES ARE CLASS BD–BWL LICENSES.

25–1614.

(a) Except as provided in § 25–1615 of this subtitle, the Board may not authorize the same license holder to hold more than 10 licenses.

(b) The 10 licenses that may be held by the same license holder:

(1) may include:

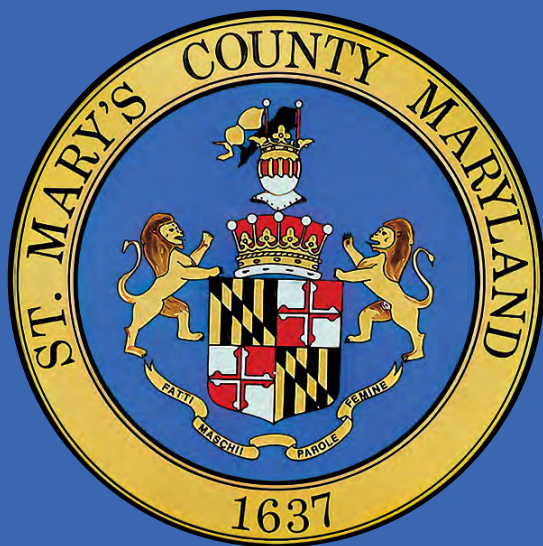
(i) one or more Class H–BW licenses; and

(ii) one or more Class B–K licenses; and

(2) may not include more than **[one] TWO** Class BD–BWL **[license] LICENSES.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.





ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

ST. MARY'S COUNTY

HB 476

Class A License Quota

 EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 28-1601

SUMMARY:

- ▶ Raises the population threshold for issuing a Class A alcoholic beverage license in the 8th election district to one license per 4,000 residents.
- ▶ Keeps the threshold for other election districts at one license per 1,350 residents.
- ▶ Updates the language to use “quotas” instead of “quota” to reflect the separate standards for the 8th district.

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(House Bill 476)

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class A License Quota

FOR the purpose of altering the quota for the number of Class A alcoholic beverages licenses that may be issued in the 8th election district in St. Mary's County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in St. Mary's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 28–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 28–1601
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

28–102.

This title applies only in St. Mary's County.

28–1601.

(a) The Board may not:

(1) issue more than one Class A license:

(I) for every 1,350 individuals **THAT LIVE** in an election district in the county **OTHER THAN THE 8TH ELECTION DISTRICT; AND**

(II) **FOR EVERY 4,000 INDIVIDUALS THAT LIVE IN THE 8TH ELECTION DISTRICT; or**

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(2) approve the transfer of a license issued under item (1) of this subsection from one election district to another election district unless the transfer can be made without exceeding the license [quota] **QUOTAS** provided in item (1) of this subsection.

(b) The Board shall use the population statistics from the most recent County Planning Commission annual report to maintain the license [quota] **QUOTAS** provided in subsection (a)(1) of this section.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ST. MARY'S COUNTY

HB 486

Civil Penalty for Sales Violations

 EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 28-2802

SUMMARY: Raises the maximum civil penalty for alcoholic beverage license violations from \$1,000 to \$2,500

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(House Bill 486)

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County – Alcoholic Beverages – Civil Penalty for Sales Violations

FOR the purpose of increasing the maximum civil penalty that the Board of License Commissioners for St. Mary's County may impose for a violation of a law relating to licensing the sale of alcoholic beverages; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in St. Mary's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 28–102
Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 28–2802
Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

28–102.

This title applies only in St. Mary's County.

28–2802.

(a) (1) A person who violates a law relating to hours or days for the sale of alcoholic beverages is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to imprisonment or a fine not exceeding \$250 or both.

(2) If the Board finds that a person has violated a law relating to licensing the sale of alcoholic beverages, the Board may:

- (i) revoke or suspend the person's license;
- (ii) impose a civil penalty not exceeding [\$1,000] **\$2,500**; or

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(iii) both revoke or suspend the person's license and impose a civil penalty not exceeding [~~\$1,000~~] **\$2,500**.

(b) If an employee of a license holder sells alcoholic beverages to an individual under the age of 21 years the Board may impose a fine on the employee not exceeding \$500 per offense.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.



ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

ST. MARY'S COUNTY**HB 574****Multiple Licensing Plans** EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025**STATUTES AFFECTED:** Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 28-1606**SUMMARY:**

- ▶ Allows the Board to issue up to three Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor Restaurant licenses to an individual or for use by a person, provided that:
 - » Each license is for a separate premises, and
 - » Only one license may include off-premises alcohol sales.
- ▶ Prohibits a person from having a direct or indirect interest in more than three Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor Restaurant licenses.
- ▶ Limits a person to holding an interest in only one Class B license that authorizes off-premises alcohol sales.
- ▶ Defines an indirect interest between any combination of persons as any of the following:
 - » A common parent company,
 - » A franchise, licensing, or concession agreement,
 - » Dual membership in a commonly owned and operated business chain,
 - » Shared directors, stockholders, partners, or members (including in a parent or subsidiary business entity),
 - » Shared direct or indirect profit from alcoholic beverage sales, or
 - » Use of a common trade name, trademark, logo, theme, or mode of operation recognizable to the public.

WES MOORE, Governor

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Chapter 840

(House Bill 574)

AN ACT concerning

St. Mary's County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Multiple Licensing Plans

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for St. Mary's County to issue not more than a certain number of Class B beer, wine, and liquor restaurant licenses to a person under certain circumstances; prohibiting a person from having a direct or indirect interest in more than a certain number of Class B beer, wine, and liquor restaurant licenses; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in St. Mary's County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 28–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY adding to
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 28–1606
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

28–102.

This title applies only in St. Mary's County.

28–1606.

(A) (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (B) AND (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE BOARD MAY ISSUE TO AN INDIVIDUAL OR FOR THE USE OF A PERSON NOT MORE THAN THREE CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR RESTAURANT LICENSES.

(2) THE LICENSES SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION ARE FOR SEPARATE PREMISES.

(3) ONLY ONE OF THE LICENSES SPECIFIED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION MAY AUTHORIZE THE SALE OF ALCOHOL FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.

(B) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A PERSON MAY NOT HAVE A DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST IN MORE THAN THREE CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR RESTAURANT LICENSES.

(2) A PERSON MAY NOT HAVE A DIRECT OR INDIRECT INTEREST IN MORE THAN ONE CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR RESTAURANT LICENSE ~~IF THE LICENSE THAT~~ AUTHORIZES THE SALE OF ALCOHOL FOR OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION.

(C) AN INDIRECT INTEREST IS PRESUMED TO EXIST BETWEEN ANY COMBINATION OF PERSONS IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS EXIST BETWEEN THEM:

(1) A COMMON PARENT COMPANY;

(2) A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT;

(3) A LICENSING AGREEMENT;

(4) A CONCESSION AGREEMENT;

(5) DUAL MEMBERSHIP IN A CHAIN OF BUSINESSES COMMONLY OWNED AND OPERATED;

(6) (I) A SHARING OF DIRECTORS, STOCKHOLDERS, PARTNERS, OR MEMBERS; OR

(II) A SHARING OF DIRECTORS, STOCKHOLDERS, PARTNERS, OR MEMBERS OF PARENTS OR SUBSIDIARIES;

(7) COMMON DIRECT OR INDIRECT SHARING OF PROFIT FROM THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES; OR

(8) A SHARING OF A COMMON TRADE NAME, TRADEMARK, LOGO, OR THEME OR MODE OF OPERATION IDENTIFIABLE BY THE PUBLIC.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.





ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

SOMERSET COUNTY**HB 1238****Liquor Tasting License** EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025**STATUTES AFFECTED:** Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 29-1306**SUMMARY:**

- ▶ Establishes a liquor tasting license that the Board may issue to a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license holder.
- ▶ The license allows free liquor tastings if the licensee is authorized to sell the liquor and the consumer is not charged.
- ▶ Limits liquor tasting to no more than one-half ounce per offering and five offerings per individual per day.
- ▶ Sets liquor tasting license fees, in addition to the Class A license cost, at:
 - » \$20 for 1 day,
 - » \$200 for 26 days,
 - » \$300 for 52 days, and
 - » \$400 for 104 days within a licensing period.

WES MOORE, Governor

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Chapter 786

(House Bill 1238)

AN ACT concerning

Somerset County – Alcoholic Beverages – Liquor Tasting License

FOR the purpose of establishing a liquor tasting license in Somerset County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Somerset County to issue the license to the holder of a Class A beer, wine, and liquor license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Somerset County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 29–102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY adding to
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 29–1306
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

29–102.

This title applies only in Somerset County.

29–1306.

(A) THERE IS A LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE.

(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS A BEER,
 WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(C) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO ALLOW THE CONSUMPTION
 OF LIQUOR FOR TASTING IF:

(1) THE LICENSE HOLDER IS AUTHORIZED TO SELL THE LIQUOR; AND

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(2) THE CONSUMER IS NOT CHARGED FOR THE LIQUOR.

(D) AN INDIVIDUAL MAY CONSUME LIQUOR AT A LIQUOR TASTING IN A QUANTITY OF NOT MORE THAN:

(1) ONE-HALF OUNCE FROM EACH OFFERING OF LIQUOR; AND

(2) FIVE OFFERINGS IN 1 DAY.

(E) IN ADDITION TO THE COST OF THE CLASS A BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE, THE LIQUOR TASTING LICENSE FEES ARE:

(1) FOR A LICENSE THAT IS EFFECTIVE FOR ONLY 1 DAY IN A LICENSING PERIOD, \$20;

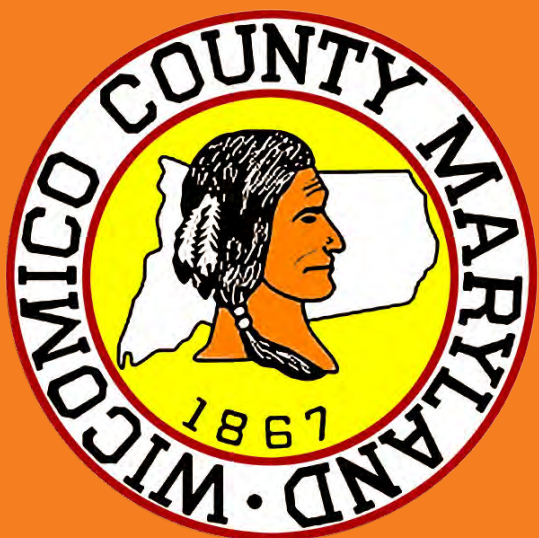
(2) FOR A LICENSE THAT IS EFFECTIVE FOR ANY 26 DAYS IN A LICENSING PERIOD, \$200;

(3) FOR A LICENSE THAT IS EFFECTIVE FOR ANY 52 DAYS IN A LICENSING PERIOD, \$300; AND

(4) FOR A LICENSE THAT IS EFFECTIVE FOR ANY 104 DAYS IN A LICENSING PERIOD, \$400.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.





ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

WICOMICO COUNTY**SB 798/ HB 655****Temporary To-Go Event Permit and Class C Per Diem Municipal To-Go Beer, Wine, and Liquor License**

📅 EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Sections 32-102, 32-902(a), (b), (c), (g), (h), (i), 32-1104, and 32-1314

SUMMARY:

- ▶ Establishes a Temporary To-Go Event Permit for Class B Beer, Wine, and Liquor licensees located within or next to a special event area designated in a Class C Per Diem Municipal To-Go Beer, Wine, and Liquor License.
 - » The permit allows the holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor in approved to-go cups for consumption outside the Class B licensed establishment and within the designated special event area.
 - » The permit holder must comply with all applicable laws and regulations.
 - » The permit remains valid for the same duration as the associated Class C Per Diem Municipal To-Go Beer, Wine, and Liquor License.
 - » The Board must adopt regulations for issuing and managing the permit, including rules on:
 - Designating a special event area,
 - Hours of sale,
 - Age verification,
 - Use of specified to-go cups, and
 - Advertising, notice posting, and public hearing requirements.
 - » Establishes the permit fee at \$20 per day.
- ▶ Class C Per Diem Municipal To-Go Beer, Wine, and Liquor License
- ▶ Establishes a Class C Per Diem Municipal To-Go Beer, Wine, and Liquor License that allows a municipality to designate a special event area for up to 7 consecutive days where alcohol sold by a Temporary To-Go Event Permit holder may be carried.
- ▶ The Board may issue the license to a municipality and must adopt regulations governing:
 - » The event area,
 - » Hours of sale,
 - » Age verification,
 - » Approved to-go cups,
 - » Notice and hearing requirements, and
 - » Public safety measures.
- ▶ The fee is set at \$45 per day.

WES MOORE, Governor

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(Senate Bill 798)

AN ACT concerning

Wicomico County – Alcoholic Beverages – Temporary To-Go Event Permit and Class C Per Diem Municipal To-Go Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

FOR the purpose of establishing a temporary to-go event permit in Wicomico County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Wicomico County to issue a temporary to-go event permit to a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license under certain circumstances; establishing a Class C per diem municipal to-go beer, wine, and liquor license in the county; authorizing the Board to issue a Class C per diem municipal to-go beer, wine, and liquor license to a municipality in the county; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Wicomico County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 32–102 and 32–902(a), (b), (c), (g), and (h)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY adding to
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 32–902(i), 32–1104, and 32–1314
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

32–102.

This title applies only in Wicomico County.

32–902.

- (a) There is a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license.
- (b) The Board may issue the license for use by:
 - (1) a hotel that has:

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- (i) at least 25 rooms;
 - (ii) a lobby with registration, mail desk, and seating facilities; and
 - (iii) a dining room that serves full-course meals at least twice daily;
- or

- (2) (i) a restaurant that:

- 1. has a proper and adequate dining room with facilities for preparing and serving regular meals;

- 2. not counting seating at a bar or counter, has table seating for at least 40 individuals; and

- 3. has average daily receipts from the sale of food, not counting foodstuff contained in a mixed drink, that each month exceed the average daily receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages.

- (ii) The seating requirement in item (i)1 of this item does not apply to a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license holder who held the license on July 1, 1978.

- (c) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at a hotel or restaurant at retail at the place described in the license, for on-premises consumption.

- (g) (1) The Board may issue a wine permit to a holder of the license for use by a restaurant that:

- (i) at least 5 days per week, offers for sale and describes in a printed menu:

- 1. breakfast and lunch;
- 2. breakfast and dinner; or
- 3. lunch and dinner; and

- (ii) has an area used for the preparation and consumption of food and beverages that is at least 80% of the area of the premises.

- (2) Off-sale alcoholic beverages receipts shall be included in the calculation of average daily receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages under § 32-901(c)(2)(i)3 of this subtitle.

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(3) The wine permit authorizes the license holder to sell, at retail, at the place described in the license:

- (i) beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption; and
- (ii) wine for off-premises consumption.

(4) The term of the wine permit is the same as the term of the Class B license.

(5) If the premises is open for business as a restaurant, the hours and days of sale for the wine permit are:

- (i) 10 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Saturday; and
- (ii) 12:30 p.m. to midnight on Sunday.

(6) Wine sold under the wine permit may not have an alcohol content greater than 15.5%.

(7) An applicant for the wine permit shall complete the form that the Board provides.

(8) Advertising, posting of notice, and public hearing requirements for the wine permit are the same as those for Class B licenses.

(9) The Board may adopt regulations to carry out this subsection, including a limit on the number of wine permits to be granted.

(10) The annual permit fee is \$1,500.

(h) The holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor restaurant license that has been issued a Class 9 limited distillery license may sell products manufactured under the distillery license at the place described in the Class B license in a manner consistent with the underlying Class B license for on- and off-premises consumption.

(i) (1) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT UNDER § 32-1104 OF THIS TITLE TO A HOLDER OF A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT IS LOCATED WITHIN OR IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO A SPECIAL EVENT AREA IDENTIFIED IN A CLASS C PER DIEM MUNICIPAL TO-GO BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE ISSUED UNDER § 32-1314 OF THIS TITLE.

(2) THE TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO SELL AT RETAIL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR IN APPROVED TO-GO CUPS THAT MAY BE CARRIED OUTSIDE THE LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT AND INTO THE DESIGNATED SPECIAL EVENT AREA.

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(A) THERE IS A TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT.

(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE IF THE LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT IS LOCATED WITHIN OR IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO A SPECIAL EVENT AREA IDENTIFIED IN AND FOR USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH A CLASS C PER DIEM MUNICIPAL TO-GO BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(C) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO SELL AT RETAIL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR IN APPROVED TO-GO CUPS THAT MAY BE CARRIED OUTSIDE THE LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CLASS B LICENSE AND INTO THE DESIGNATED SPECIAL EVENT AREA.

(D) THE PERMIT HOLDER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLYING WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

(E) THE TERM OF THE PERMIT IS THE SAME AS THE TERM OF THE ASSOCIATED CLASS C PER DIEM MUNICIPAL TO-GO BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(F) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PERMIT, INCLUDING REGULATIONS RELATED TO:

(1) THE DESIGNATION OF A SPECIAL EVENT AREA;

(2) THE HOURS OF SALE;

(3) AGE VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS;

(4) THE USE OF SPECIFIED TO-GO CUPS; AND

(5) ADVERTISING, POSTING OF NOTICE, AND PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT.

(G) THE FEE FOR THE PERMIT IS \$20 PER DAY.

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(A) THERE IS A CLASS C PER DIEM MUNICIPAL TO-GO BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(B) THE LICENSE ENTITLES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO ALLOW BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR SOLD BY A HOLDER OF A TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT UNDER § 32-1104 OF THIS TITLE TO ENTER A DESIGNATED SPECIAL EVENT AREA DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING 7 CONSECUTIVE DAYS.

(C) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO A MUNICIPALITY IN THE COUNTY.

(D) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF AND REQUIREMENTS FOR A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION, INCLUDING REGULATIONS RELATED TO:

- (1) THE DESIGNATION OF A SPECIAL EVENT AREA;
- (2) THE HOURS OF SALE;
- (3) AGE VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS;
- (4) THE USE OF SPECIFIED TO-GO CUPS;
- (5) ADVERTISING, POSTING OF NOTICE, AND PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LICENSE AND ANY ASSOCIATED TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT; AND
- (6) PUBLIC SAFETY AND EVENT SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.

(E) THE FEE FOR THE LICENSE IS \$45 PER DAY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

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(House Bill 655)

AN ACT concerning

Wicomico County – Alcoholic Beverages – Temporary To-Go Event Permit and Class C Per Diem Municipal To-Go Beer, Wine, and Liquor License

FOR the purpose of establishing a temporary to-go event permit in Wicomico County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Wicomico County to issue a temporary to-go event permit to a holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license under certain circumstances; establishing a Class C per diem municipal to-go beer, wine, and liquor license in the county; authorizing the Board to issue a Class C per diem municipal to-go beer, wine, and liquor license to a municipality in the county; requiring the Board to adopt certain regulations; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Wicomico County.

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 32-102 and 32-902(a), (b), (c), (g), and (h)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY adding to
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 32-902(i), 32-1104, and 32-1314
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

32-102.

This title applies only in Wicomico County.

32-902.

- (a) There is a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license.
- (b) The Board may issue the license for use by:
 - (1) a hotel that has:

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- (i) at least 25 rooms;
 - (ii) a lobby with registration, mail desk, and seating facilities; and
 - (iii) a dining room that serves full-course meals at least twice daily;
- or

- (2) (i) a restaurant that:

- 1. has a proper and adequate dining room with facilities for preparing and serving regular meals;

- 2. not counting seating at a bar or counter, has table seating for at least 40 individuals; and

- 3. has average daily receipts from the sale of food, not counting foodstuff contained in a mixed drink, that each month exceed the average daily receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages.

- (ii) The seating requirement in item (i)1 of this item does not apply to a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license holder who held the license on July 1, 1978.

- (c) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at a hotel or restaurant at retail at the place described in the license, for on-premises consumption.

- (g) (1) The Board may issue a wine permit to a holder of the license for use by a restaurant that:

- (i) at least 5 days per week, offers for sale and describes in a printed menu:

- 1. breakfast and lunch;
- 2. breakfast and dinner; or
- 3. lunch and dinner; and

- (ii) has an area used for the preparation and consumption of food and beverages that is at least 80% of the area of the premises.

- (2) Off-sale alcoholic beverages receipts shall be included in the calculation of average daily receipts from the sale of alcoholic beverages under § 32-901(c)(2)(i)3 of this subtitle.

(3) The wine permit authorizes the license holder to sell, at retail, at the place described in the license:

- (i) beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption; and
- (ii) wine for off-premises consumption.

(4) The term of the wine permit is the same as the term of the Class B license.

(5) If the premises is open for business as a restaurant, the hours and days of sale for the wine permit are:

- (i) 10 a.m. to midnight, Monday through Saturday; and
- (ii) 12:30 p.m. to midnight on Sunday.

(6) Wine sold under the wine permit may not have an alcohol content greater than 15.5%.

(7) An applicant for the wine permit shall complete the form that the Board provides.

(8) Advertising, posting of notice, and public hearing requirements for the wine permit are the same as those for Class B licenses.

(9) The Board may adopt regulations to carry out this subsection, including a limit on the number of wine permits to be granted.

(10) The annual permit fee is \$1,500.

(h) The holder of a Class B beer, wine, and liquor restaurant license that has been issued a Class 9 limited distillery license may sell products manufactured under the distillery license at the place described in the Class B license in a manner consistent with the underlying Class B license for on- and off-premises consumption.

(i) (1) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE A TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT UNDER § 32-1104 OF THIS TITLE TO A HOLDER OF A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION IF THE LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT IS LOCATED WITHIN OR IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO A SPECIAL EVENT AREA IDENTIFIED IN A CLASS C PER DIEM MUNICIPAL TO-GO BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE ISSUED UNDER § 32-1314 OF THIS TITLE.

(2) THE TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO SELL AT RETAIL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR IN APPROVED TO-GO CUPS THAT MAY BE CARRIED OUTSIDE THE LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT AND INTO THE DESIGNATED SPECIAL EVENT AREA.

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32-1104.

(A) THERE IS A TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT.

(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE PERMIT TO A HOLDER OF A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE IF THE LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT IS LOCATED WITHIN OR IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO A SPECIAL EVENT AREA IDENTIFIED IN AND FOR USE IN CONJUNCTION WITH A CLASS C PER DIEM MUNICIPAL TO-GO BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(C) THE PERMIT AUTHORIZES THE HOLDER TO SELL AT RETAIL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR IN APPROVED TO-GO CUPS THAT MAY BE CARRIED OUTSIDE THE LICENSED ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CLASS B LICENSE AND INTO THE DESIGNATED SPECIAL EVENT AREA.

(D) THE PERMIT HOLDER SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLYING WITH ALL APPLICABLE LAWS AND REGULATIONS.

(E) THE TERM OF THE PERMIT IS THE SAME AS THE TERM OF THE ASSOCIATED CLASS C PER DIEM MUNICIPAL TO-GO BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(F) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF AND REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PERMIT, INCLUDING REGULATIONS RELATED TO:

(1) THE DESIGNATION OF A SPECIAL EVENT AREA;

(2) THE HOURS OF SALE;

(3) AGE VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS;

(4) THE USE OF SPECIFIED TO-GO CUPS; AND

(5) ADVERTISING, POSTING OF NOTICE, AND PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT.

(G) THE FEE FOR THE PERMIT IS \$20 PER DAY.

32-1314.

(A) THERE IS A CLASS C PER DIEM MUNICIPAL TO-GO BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(B) THE LICENSE ENTITLES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO ALLOW BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR SOLD BY A HOLDER OF A TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT UNDER § 32-1104 OF THIS TITLE TO ENTER A DESIGNATED SPECIAL EVENT AREA DESCRIBED IN THE LICENSE FOR A PERIOD NOT EXCEEDING 7 CONSECUTIVE DAYS.

(C) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO A MUNICIPALITY IN THE COUNTY.

(D) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE OF AND REQUIREMENTS FOR A LICENSE UNDER THIS SECTION, INCLUDING REGULATIONS RELATED TO:

- (1) THE DESIGNATION OF A SPECIAL EVENT AREA;
- (2) THE HOURS OF SALE;
- (3) AGE VERIFICATION REQUIREMENTS;
- (4) THE USE OF SPECIFIED TO-GO CUPS;
- (5) ADVERTISING, POSTING OF NOTICE, AND PUBLIC HEARING REQUIREMENTS FOR THE LICENSE AND ANY ASSOCIATED TEMPORARY TO-GO EVENT PERMIT; AND
- (6) PUBLIC SAFETY AND EVENT SECURITY REQUIREMENTS.

(E) THE FEE FOR THE LICENSE IS \$45 PER DAY.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.



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STATEWIDE**SB0842**

Electronic Smoking Devices - Seizure and Wholesaler Record-Keeping Requirements

EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Business Regulation Section 16.7-213.1, 16.7-213.3, 16.7-213.4., and 16-204(a)

SUMMARY:

- ▶ Prohibits ESD manufacturers from selling directly to consumers in Maryland under a manufacturer's license.
- ▶ Requires ESD wholesaler distributors and importers to maintain detailed daily and transaction records:
 - » Receive an invoice for each ESD purchase.
 - » Maintain daily records for all ESDs received, including:
 - Invoice number
 - Date of receipt
 - Quantity received
 - Brand
 - Manufacturer
 - Name of the individual or business from whom the ESDs were received.
 - » Keep a record of:
 - All sales of ESDs to Maryland retailers, with the name and address of the retailer.
 - Each sale to an out-of-state buyer for resale to out-of-state consumers.
 - » Prepare an invoice for each ESD sale to a retailer, and identify on the invoice the county where the retailer is located.
 - » Requires ESD wholesaler distributors and importers to conduct monthly inventory tracking:
 - Maintain a monthly inventory of all ESDs on hand or under their control.
 - Record the inventory consistently on the same day each month, either at the beginning, end, or another specified day that is more practical for taking inventory.
- ▶ Mandates ESD wholesaler distributors and importers to retain all required records for at least six years, unless a shorter period is authorized by the ATCC Executive Director.
 - » Must allow the Executive Director and staff of the ATCC to examine the records.

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(Senate Bill 842)

AN ACT concerning

**~~Other Tobacco Products and~~ Electronic Smoking Devices – Seizure and
Wholesaler ~~Licensure~~ Record-Keeping Requirements**

FOR the purpose of authorizing the Executive Director of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission ~~or a peace officer~~ to seize ~~other tobacco products and~~ electronic smoking devices that are sold or offered for sale in violation of certain provisions of law without a warrant; establishing procedures for the return ~~and destruction~~ of certain property seized by the Executive Director ~~or a peace officer~~; establishing ~~an electronic smoking devices wholesaler license and~~ certain record-keeping requirements for electronic smoking devices ~~wholesalers~~ wholesaler distributors and wholesaler importers; and generally relating to ~~other tobacco products and~~ electronic smoking devices.

BY renumbering

Article – Business Regulation
Section 16.7–213.1
to be Section 16.7–213.2
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(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Business Regulation
Section 16.7–101(a) and (f) through (h)
Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY adding to

Article – Business Regulation
Section ~~16.5–217.2, 16.7–101(f),~~ 16.7–213.1, ~~and~~ 16.7–213.3, and 16.7–213.4
Annotated Code of Maryland
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~~BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,~~

~~Article – Business Regulation~~
~~Section 16.7–101(a)~~
~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article – Business Regulation

Section ~~16.7-101(d) and (f) through (l), 16.7-201, 16.7-202(a), 16.7-203(a), 16.7-204, 16.7-206, and 16.7-211(a)~~ 16.7-203(a) and 16.7-204(a)

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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Section(s) 16.7–213.1 of Article – Business Regulation of the Annotated Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 16.7–213.2.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Business Regulation

~~16.5-217.2.~~

~~(A) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR A PEACE OFFICER MAY SEIZE OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS THAT ARE SOLD OR OFFERED FOR SALE IN THE STATE IN VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE WITHOUT A WARRANT.~~

~~(B) (1) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR PEACE OFFICER SHALL GIVE NOTICE OF A SEIZURE TO THE PERSON FROM WHOM THE PROPERTY IS SEIZED AT THE TIME OF SEIZURE.~~

~~(2) A NOTICE OF SEIZURE SHALL STATE THE RIGHT OF THE OWNER OR OTHER INTERESTED PERSON TO FILE A CLAIM FOR RETURN OF THE SEIZED PROPERTY.~~

~~(C) A PEACE OFFICER WHO SEIZES OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL DELIVER THE SEIZED OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR TAKE IT TO A LOCATION DESIGNATED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.~~

~~(D) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE OWNER OR ANOTHER INTERESTED PERSON MAY FILE A CLAIM FOR RETURN OF THE PROPERTY WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE SEIZURE OF THE PROPERTY.~~

~~(2) A PERSON FORFEITS ANY INTEREST IN, RIGHT TO, OR TITLE TO THE OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS SEIZED FOR VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE IF THE PERSON FAILS TO TIMELY FILE A CLAIM FOR RETURN OF THE SEIZED PROPERTY WITHIN THE TIME ALLOWED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.~~

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~~(E) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS SECTION, IF A PERSON FILES A CLAIM FOR THE RETURN OF PROPERTY SEIZED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE SHALL:~~

~~(1) PROMPTLY ACT ON THE CLAIM AND HOLD AN INFORMAL HEARING; AND~~

~~(2) UNLESS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE HAS SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE THAT THE OWNER OR PERSON WAS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH ANY PROVISION OF THIS TITLE AT THE TIME OF SEIZURE, DIRECT RETURN OF THE SEIZED PROPERTY.~~

~~(F) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE SHALL GRANT OR DENY THE CLAIM FOR RETURN OF SEIZED OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS BY MAILING THE OWNER OR PERSON A NOTICE OF FINAL DETERMINATION.~~

~~(G) A PERSON WHO POSSESSED OR OFFERED FOR SALE OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS THAT ARE SEIZED UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT RELIEVED FROM RESPONSIBILITY FOR:~~

~~(1) ANY PENALTY UNDER THIS TITLE OR TITLE 16 OR TITLE 16.7 OF THIS ARTICLE; OR~~

~~(2) REIMBURSEMENT OF THE COSTS OF TRANSPORTATION, STORAGE, OR DISPOSAL OF THE SEIZED PROPERTY.~~

~~(H) (1) OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS SEIZED BY THE STATE UNDER THIS TITLE SHALL BE TRANSPORTED, STORED, AND DESTROYED IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LAW.~~

~~(2) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF ALL PROPERTY DESTROYED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION THAT INCLUDES A DESCRIPTION OF:~~

~~(I) THE NATURE OF THE PROPERTY;~~

~~(II) THE QUANTITY OF THE PROPERTY;~~

~~(III) THE REASON FOR THE SEIZURE OF THE PROPERTY; AND~~

~~(IV) THE MANNER OF DESTRUCTION.~~

~~(3) (i) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY IMPOSE AND COLLECT COSTS SUFFICIENT TO COVER TRANSPORTATION, STORAGE, AND DISPOSAL OF OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCTS SEIZED BY THE STATE UNDER THIS SECTION.~~

~~(ii) FAILURE TO PAY COSTS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (i) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE CONSIDERED GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REVOCATION OF A LICENSE UNDER THIS TITLE.~~

~~(4) (i) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY RECOVER, IN AN ACTION BROUGHT UNDER THIS SECTION, REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED IN INVESTIGATING AND PREPARING THE CASE, INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES.~~

~~(ii) FAILURE TO PAY EXPENSES UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (i) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE CONSIDERED GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REVOCATION OF A LICENSE UNDER THIS TITLE.~~

~~(5) (i) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL POST A NOTICE OF EACH SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE ON THE COMMISSION'S WEBSITE FOR A PERIOD OF NOT LESS THAN 1 YEAR AFTER THE NOTICE OF SEIZURE UNDER SUBSECTION (b) OF THIS SECTION.~~

~~(ii) NOTICE UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (i) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL INCLUDE:~~

- ~~1. A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY SEIZED;~~
- ~~2. THE REASON FOR THE SEIZURE; AND~~
- ~~3. THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE SEIZURE.~~

16.7-101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

~~(d) "Electronic smoking devices manufacturer" means a person that:~~

~~(1) manufactures, mixes, or otherwise produces electronic smoking devices intended for sale in the State, including electronic smoking devices intended for sale in the United States through an importer; and~~

~~(2) (i) sells electronic smoking devices to a consumer, if the consumer purchases or orders the devices through the mail, a computer network, a telephonic network, or another electronic network, A LICENSED ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES~~

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~~WHOLESALE, a licensed electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor, or a licensed electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer in the State;~~

~~(ii) if the electronic smoking devices manufacturer also holds a license to act as an electronic smoking devices retailer or a vape shop vendor, sells electronic smoking devices in the same manner as a vape shop vendor to consumers located in the State; or~~

~~(iii) unless otherwise prohibited or restricted under local law, this article, or the Criminal Law Article, distributes sample electronic smoking devices to a licensed electronic smoking devices retailer or vape shop vendor.~~

~~(F) “ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALE” MEANS A PERSON THAT:~~

~~(1) HOLDS ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES FOR SALE TO ANOTHER PERSON FOR RESALE; OR~~

~~(2) SELLS ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES TO ANOTHER PERSON FOR RESALE.~~

~~[(f)] (C)~~ “Electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor” means a person that:

(1) obtains at least 70% of its electronic smoking devices from a holder of an electronic smoking devices manufacturer license under this subtitle or a business entity located in the United States; and

(2) (i) holds electronic smoking devices for sale to another person for resale; or

(ii) sells electronic smoking devices to another person for resale.

~~[(g)] (H)~~ “Electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer” means a person that:

(1) obtains at least 70% of its electronic smoking devices from a business entity located in a foreign country; and

(2) (i) holds electronic smoking devices for sale to another person for resale; or

(ii) sells electronic smoking devices to another person for resale.

~~[(h)] (I)~~ “Executive Director” means the Executive Director of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission.

- ~~[(i)] (J)~~ ~~“License” means:~~
- (1) ~~a license issued by the Executive Director under § 16.7-203(a) of this title to:~~
- ~~(i) act as a licensed electronic smoking devices manufacturer;~~
- ~~(ii) ACT AS A LICENSED ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER;~~
- ~~[(ii)] (iii) act as a licensed electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor; or~~
- ~~[(iii)] (iv) act as a licensed electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer; or~~
- (2) ~~a license issued by the clerk under § 16.7-203(b) of this title to:~~
- ~~(i) act as a licensed electronic smoking devices retailer; or~~
- ~~(ii) act as a licensed vape shop vendor.~~
- ~~[(i)] (K)~~ ~~“Sell” means to exchange or transfer, or to agree to exchange or transfer, title or possession of property, in any manner or by any means, for consideration.~~
- ~~[(k)] (L)~~ ~~“Vape shop vendor” means an electronic smoking devices business that sells electronic smoking devices and related accessories to consumers on the premises of its place of business.~~
- ~~[(l)] (M)~~ ~~“Vaping liquid” means a liquid that:~~
- ~~(1) consists of propylene glycol, vegetable glycerin, or other similar substance;~~
- ~~(2) may or may not contain natural or artificial flavors;~~
- ~~(3) may or may not contain nicotine; and~~
- ~~(4) converts to vapor intended for inhalation when heated in an electronic device.~~
- ~~16.7-201.~~
- ~~(a) A person must hold an appropriate license before the person may act as:~~

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- ~~(1) an electronic smoking devices manufacturer;~~
- ~~(2) an electronic smoking devices retailer;~~
- ~~(3) AN ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER;~~
- ~~[(3)] (4) an electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor;~~
- ~~[(4)] (5) an electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer; or~~
- ~~[(5)] (6) a vape shop vendor.~~

~~(b) A place of business in which a person acts as an electronic smoking devices retailer or a vape shop vendor must hold an appropriate license.~~

~~16.7-202.~~

~~(a) (1) An applicant for a license to act as an electronic smoking devices manufacturer, **ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER**, electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor, or electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer shall:~~

~~(i) obtain an appropriate county license by submitting an application to the Executive Director on the form and containing the information that the Executive Director requires;~~

~~(ii) indicate the licenses for which the applicant is applying; and~~

~~(iii) except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, pay to the Executive Director a fee of \$25 for each license for which the applicant applies.~~

~~(2) An applicant for a license to act as an **ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER**, electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor, or electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer shall pay to the Executive Director a fee of \$150.~~

~~16.7-203.~~

~~(a) The Executive Director shall issue an appropriate license to each applicant that meets the requirements of this subtitle for a license to act as an electronic smoking devices manufacturer, **ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER**, electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor, or electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer.~~

~~16.7-204.~~

(a) An electronic smoking devices manufacturer license authorizes the licensee to:

- (1) sell electronic smoking devices to:
- (i) a licensed electronic smoking devices wholesaler located in the State;
 - (ii) an electronic smoking devices wholesaler or retailer located outside the State if the electronic smoking devices may be sold lawfully in Maryland; AND
 - (iii) a licensed vape shop vendor; and
 - (iv) a consumer if:
 - 1. the licensee manufactured the devices; and
 - 2. the consumer purchases or orders the devices through the mail, a computer network, a telephonic network, or another electronic network;]

(2) if the electronic smoking devices manufacturer licensee also holds a license to act as an electronic smoking devices retailer or a vape shop vendor, transfer electronic smoking devices to inventory for sale under the retail license or vape shop license; and

(3) except as otherwise prohibited or restricted under local law, this article, or the Criminal Law Article, distribute electronic smoking devices products to a licensed electronic smoking devices retailer or vape shop vendor.

~~(b) An electronic smoking devices retailer license authorizes the licensee to:~~

- ~~(1) sell electronic smoking devices to consumers;~~
- ~~(2) buy electronic smoking devices from an **ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER**, electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor, or electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer;~~
- ~~(3) if the electronic smoking devices retailer licensee also holds a license to act as an electronic smoking devices manufacturer, sell at retail electronic smoking devices manufactured under the manufacturer license; and~~
- ~~(4) except as otherwise prohibited or restricted under local law, this article, the Criminal Law Article, or § 24-305 of the Health General Article, distribute sample electronic smoking devices products to consumers in the State.~~

~~(c) An **ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER LICENSE**, electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor license, or electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer license authorizes the licensee to:~~

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~~(1) sell electronic smoking devices to electronic smoking devices retailers and vape shop vendors;~~

~~(2) buy electronic smoking devices directly from an electronic smoking devices manufacturer and an **ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER**, electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor, or electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer;~~

~~(3) hold electronic smoking devices; and~~

~~(4) sell electronic smoking devices to another licensed **ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER**, electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor, or electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer.~~

~~(d) A vape shop vendor license authorizes the licensee to:~~

~~(1) sell electronic smoking devices as a vape shop vendor to consumers on the premises of the licensee's place of business;~~

~~(2) if the vape shop vendor licensee also holds a license to act as an electronic smoking devices manufacturer, sell at retail on the vape shop vendor premises electronic smoking devices manufactured under the manufacturer license; and~~

~~(3) buy electronic smoking devices from an electronic smoking devices manufacturer, **AN ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER**, an electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor, or an electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer.~~

~~16.7-206.~~

~~(a) (1) A licensed electronic smoking devices retailer or a licensed vape shop vendor may not assign the license.~~

~~(2) If a licensed **ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER**, electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor, or electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer sells the licensee's electronic smoking devices business and pays to the Executive Director a license assignment fee of \$10, the licensee may assign the license to the buyer of the business if the buyer otherwise qualifies under this title for an electronic smoking devices wholesaler's distributor or importer license.~~

~~(b) If the electronic smoking devices business of a licensee is transferred because of bankruptcy, death, incompetency, receivership, or otherwise by operation of law, the Executive Director shall transfer the license without charge to the new owner of the licensee's business if the transferee otherwise qualifies under this title for the license being transferred.~~

~~(e) (1) If a licensed ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER, electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor, or electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer surrenders the license to the Executive Director and if no disciplinary proceedings are pending against the licensee, the Executive Director shall refund a pro rata portion of the license fee for the unexpired term of the license.~~

~~(2) A licensed electronic smoking devices retailer or a licensed vape shop vendor is not allowed a refund for the unexpired term of the license.~~

~~16.7-211.~~

~~(a) A person may not act, attempt to act, or offer to act as an electronic smoking devices manufacturer, an electronic smoking devices retailer, AN ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER, an electronic smoking devices wholesaler distributor, an electronic smoking devices wholesaler importer, or a vape shop vendor in the State unless the person has an appropriate license.~~

~~16.7-213.1.~~

(A) EACH ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER DISTRIBUTOR AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER IMPORTER SHALL:

(1) RECEIVE AN INVOICE FOR EACH PURCHASE OF ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES;

(2) KEEP A RECORD OF ALL ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES RECEIVED, TO WHICH THE ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER DISTRIBUTOR OR ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER IMPORTER SHALL POST EACH DAY:

(I) THE INVOICE NUMBER;

(II) THE DATE OF RECEIPT;

(III) THE QUANTITY RECEIVED;

(IV) THE BRAND;

(V) THE MANUFACTURER; AND

(VI) THE NAME OF THE PERSON FROM WHOM THE ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES ARE RECEIVED;

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(3) (I) KEEP A RECORD OF THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF EACH ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES RETAILER TO WHICH A SALE IS MADE; AND

(II) PREPARE FOR EACH SALE OF ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES TO A RETAILER AN INVOICE THAT SHOWS THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WHERE THE RETAILER IS LOCATED; AND

(4) KEEP A COMPLETE AND ACCURATE RECORD OF EACH SALE OF ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES TO AN OUT-OF-STATE PERSON FOR RESALE TO OUT-OF-STATE CONSUMERS.

(B) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, EACH ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER DISTRIBUTOR AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER IMPORTER SHALL MAKE AN INVENTORY RECORD EACH MONTH OF ALL ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES ON THE PREMISES OR UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER DISTRIBUTOR OR ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER IMPORTER:

(I) AT THE BEGINNING OR END OF THE MONTH; OR

(II) ON ANOTHER SPECIFIC DAY OF THE MONTH, IF THE ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER DISTRIBUTOR OR ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER IMPORTER FINDS IT MORE PRACTICABLE TO TAKE INVENTORY ON THAT DAY.

(2) ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES TRANSFERRED TO RETAIL STOCK BY WRITTEN MEMORANDUM NEED NOT BE INCLUDED IN THE INVENTORY RECORD.

(C) EACH ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER DISTRIBUTOR AND ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES WHOLESALER IMPORTER SHALL:

(1) KEEP THE RECORDS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION FOR 6 YEARS OR FOR A SHORTER TIME SET BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR; AND

(2) ALLOW THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXAMINE THE RECORDS.

16.7-213.3.

(A) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ~~OR A PEACE OFFICER~~ MAY SEIZE ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES THAT ARE SOLD OR OFFERED FOR SALE IN THE STATE IN VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE WITHOUT A WARRANT.

(B) (1) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ~~OR PEACE OFFICER~~ SHALL GIVE NOTICE OF A SEIZURE TO THE PERSON FROM WHICH THE PROPERTY IS SEIZED AT THE TIME OF SEIZURE.

(2) A NOTICE OF SEIZURE SHALL STATE THE RIGHT OF THE OWNER OR OTHER INTERESTED PERSON TO FILE A CLAIM FOR RETURN OF THE SEIZED PROPERTY.

~~(C) A PEACE OFFICER WHO SEIZES ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION SHALL DELIVER THE SEIZED PROPERTY TO THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR TAKE IT TO A LOCATION DESIGNATED BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.~~

~~(D)~~ (C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE OWNER OR INTERESTED PERSON MAY FILE A CLAIM FOR RETURN OF THE PROPERTY WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR WITHIN 30 DAYS AFTER THE SEIZURE OF THE PROPERTY.

(2) A PERSON FORFEITS ANY INTEREST IN, RIGHT TO, OR TITLE TO THE ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES SEIZED FOR VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE IF THE PERSON FAILS TO TIMELY FILE A CLAIM FOR RETURN OF THE SEIZED PROPERTY WITHIN THE TIME ALLOWED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

~~(E)~~ (D) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION ~~(F)~~ (E) OF THIS SECTION, IF A PERSON FILES A CLAIM FOR THE RETURN OF PROPERTY SEIZED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE SHALL:

(1) ~~PROMPTLY~~ ACT ON THE CLAIM AND HOLD ~~AN INFORMAL~~ A HEARING IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 16.7-208 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) UNLESS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE HAS SATISFACTORY EVIDENCE THAT THE OWNER OR PERSON WAS NOT IN COMPLIANCE WITH ANY PROVISION OF THIS TITLE AT THE TIME OF SEIZURE, DIRECT RETURN OF THE SEIZED PROPERTY.

~~(F)~~ (E) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE SHALL GRANT OR DENY THE CLAIM FOR RETURN OF SEIZED ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES BY MAILING THE OWNER OR PERSON A NOTICE OF FINAL DETERMINATION.

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~~(G)~~ (F) A PERSON WHO POSSESSED OR OFFERED FOR SALE ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES THAT ARE SEIZED UNDER THIS SECTION IS NOT RELIEVED FROM RESPONSIBILITY FOR:

(1) ANY PENALTY UNDER THIS TITLE OR TITLE 16 OR TITLE 16.5 OF THIS ARTICLE; OR

(2) REIMBURSEMENT OF THE COSTS OF TRANSPORTATION, STORAGE, OR DISPOSAL OF THE SEIZED PROPERTY.

~~(H) (1) ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES SEIZED BY THE STATE UNDER THIS TITLE SHALL BE TRANSPORTED, STORED, AND DESTROYED IN COMPLIANCE WITH APPLICABLE LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL LAW.~~

~~(2) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OR THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESIGNEE, SHALL KEEP A RECORD OF ALL PROPERTY DESTROYED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION THAT INCLUDES A DESCRIPTION OF:~~

~~(I) THE NATURE OF THE PROPERTY;~~

~~(II) THE QUANTITY OF THE PROPERTY;~~

~~(III) THE REASON FOR THE SEIZURE OF THE PROPERTY; AND~~

~~(IV) THE MANNER OF DESTRUCTION.~~

~~(3) (I) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY IMPOSE AND COLLECT COSTS SUFFICIENT TO COVER TRANSPORTATION, STORAGE, AND DISPOSAL OF ELECTRONIC SMOKING DEVICES SEIZED BY THE STATE UNDER THIS SECTION.~~

~~(II) FAILURE TO PAY COSTS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE CONSIDERED GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REVOCATION OF A LICENSE UNDER THIS TITLE.~~

~~(4) (I) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY RECOVER, IN AN ACTION BROUGHT UNDER THIS SECTION, REASONABLE EXPENSES INCURRED IN INVESTIGATING AND PREPARING THE CASE, INCLUDING ATTORNEY'S FEES.~~

~~(II) FAILURE TO PAY EXPENSES UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL BE CONSIDERED GROUNDS FOR DENIAL OR REVOCATION OF A LICENSE UNDER THIS TITLE.~~

~~(5) (I) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR SHALL POST A NOTICE OF EACH SEIZURE AND FORFEITURE ON THE COMMISSION'S WEBSITE FOR A PERIOD OF NOT~~

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~~LESS THAN 1 YEAR AFTER THE NOTICE OF SEIZURE UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.~~

~~(H) NOTICE UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH SHALL INCLUDE:~~

- ~~1. A DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY SEIZED;~~
- ~~2. THE REASON FOR THE SEIZURE; AND~~
- ~~3. THE TIME AND PLACE OF THE SEIZURE.~~

16.7-213.4.

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 6, 2025.



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STATEWIDE**SB 664/HB 577****Business Regulation -
Enforcement for Miscellaneous State Business Licenses - Study**

📅 EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: N/A**SUMMARY:**

- ▶ The Comptroller shall study how the Field Enforcement Bureau enforces miscellaneous State business licenses under Title 17 of the Business Regulation Article, in consultation with stakeholders.
- ▶ The Comptroller shall consult at least the following:
 - » Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission,
 - » Maryland Chamber of Commerce,
 - » Maryland Retailers Alliance,
 - » Maryland Restaurant Association,
 - » Job Opportunities Task Force, and
 - » Maryland Circuit Court Clerks' Association.
- ▶ By December 1, 2025, the Comptroller shall report findings and recommendations to the General Assembly, including:
 - ▶ A review of the Field Enforcement Bureau's enforcement process,
 - ▶ Whether civil citations could replace or supplement criminal citations,
 - ▶ How to ensure proper identification and contact of license holders,
 - ▶ How to ensure citations are issued only to the responsible party, and
 - ▶ How to issue citations when the owner lives out of state.

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(Senate Bill 664)

AN ACT concerning

**Business Regulation – Enforcement for Miscellaneous State Business Licenses –
Enforcement and Penalties Study**

FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing the Comptroller to issue citations to enforce certain provisions of law concerning business licenses; requiring each application for a certain business license to designate an individual to serve as the license representative for the purpose of being subject to certain penalties; establishing that the penalties for violating certain provisions of law apply to certain persons~~ requiring the Comptroller to consult with certain stakeholders to study and make recommendations on the enforcement process for miscellaneous State business licenses; and generally relating to penalties and enforcement for miscellaneous State business licenses.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article Business Regulation
Section 17-202(d), 17-302(f), and 17-2106
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That ~~the Laws of Maryland read as follows:~~

(a) The Comptroller, in consultation with stakeholders, shall study the process by which the Field Enforcement Bureau of the Comptroller's Office enforces miscellaneous State business licenses under Title 17 of the Business Regulation Article.

(b) The Comptroller shall consult with, at a minimum, the following stakeholders:

- (1) the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission;
- (2) the Maryland Chamber of Commerce;
- (3) the Maryland Retailers Alliance;
- (4) the Maryland Restaurant Association;
- (5) the Job Opportunities Task Force; and
- (6) the Maryland Circuit Court Clerks' Association.

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(c) On or before December 1, 2025, the Comptroller shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, including:

(1) a review of the process by which the Field Enforcement Bureau of the Comptroller's Office enforces the miscellaneous State business licenses;

(2) a review and recommendation as to whether civil citations could be used rather than or in conjunction with criminal citations to enforce the miscellaneous State business licenses;

(3) recommendations on how to ensure that the Field Enforcement Bureau can, for the purposes of license enforcement, properly identify and contact the owner, operator, or responsible party for a miscellaneous State business license;

(4) recommendations on how to ensure citations related to miscellaneous State business license enforcement are only issued to the business owner, operator, or responsible party; and

(5) recommendations on how the Field Enforcement Bureau can effectively issue citations related to miscellaneous State business license enforcement when the business owner does not reside in the State.

~~Article Business Regulation~~

~~17-202.~~

~~(d) To enforce this title, the Comptroller may make investigations and hold hearings on any matter covered by this title, at any time or place in the State, and, in connection with an investigation or hearing, may:~~

~~(1) administer oaths;~~

~~(2) examine witnesses;~~

~~(3) receive evidence; [and]~~

~~(4) issue subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses to testify or to produce evidence; AND~~

~~(5) ISSUE CITATIONS.~~

~~17-302.~~

~~(f) Each application for a license shall:~~

~~(1) DESIGNATE AT LEAST ONE INDIVIDUAL TO SERVE AS THE LICENSE REPRESENTATIVE WHO:~~

~~(i) IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;~~

~~(ii) IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BUSINESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEING SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION OF SUBTITLE 21 OF THIS TITLE; AND~~

~~(iii) HAS ACCEPTED THE RESPONSIBILITY UNDER ITEM (ii) OF THIS ITEM;~~

~~(2) PROVIDE THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE LICENSE REPRESENTATIVE; AND~~

~~(3) contain any information required by the Comptroller in regulation~~

~~17-2106.~~

~~(a) THE PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:~~

~~(1) A PERSON SPECIFIED AS THE BUSINESS OWNER IN THE LICENSE APPLICATION;~~

~~(2) AN INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED AS A LICENSE REPRESENTATIVE UNDER § 17-302(F)(1) OF THIS TITLE;~~

~~(3) FOR A CORPORATION, THE CORPORATION OR ONE OR MORE OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION;~~

~~(4) FOR A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY;~~

~~(i) IF THE COMPANY DOES NOT HAVE AN OPERATING AGREEMENT, ONE OR MORE MEMBERS; OR~~

~~(ii) IF THE COMPANY HAS AN OPERATING AGREEMENT, ONE OR MORE INDIVIDUALS WHO MANAGE THE BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE COMPANY;~~

~~(5) FOR A LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP;~~

~~(i) IF THE PARTNERSHIP DOES NOT HAVE A WRITTEN PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT, ONE OR MORE GENERAL PARTNERS; OR~~

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~~(H) IF THE PARTNERSHIP HAS A WRITTEN PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT, ONE OR MORE INDIVIDUALS WHO MANAGE THE BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE PARTNERSHIP; AND~~

~~(6) FOR A BUSINESS ENTITY NOT IDENTIFIED UNDER ITEMS (3) THROUGH (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ONE OR MORE INDIVIDUALS WHO MANAGE THE BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE ENTITY.~~

~~(B) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this title, a person who violates this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding \$300 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days.~~

~~[(b)] (C) Each [agent or officer of a corporation] PERSON WHO IS convicted of violating this subtitle [who actually engaged in the unlicensed business is] MAY BE individually subject to the penalties provided by law.~~

~~[(c)] (D) The penalty provided in this section does not affect any other penalty specifically provided by law for a violation of a license law.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

Chapter 633

(House Bill 577)

AN ACT concerning

**Business Regulation – Enforcement for Miscellaneous State Business Licenses –
Enforcement and Penalties Study**

FOR the purpose of ~~authorizing the Comptroller to issue citations to enforce certain provisions of law concerning business licenses; requiring each application for a certain business license to designate an individual to serve as the license representative for the purpose of being subject to certain penalties; establishing that the penalties for violating certain provisions of law apply to certain persons~~ requiring the Comptroller to consult with certain stakeholders to study and make recommendations on the enforcement process for miscellaneous State business licenses; and generally relating to penalties and enforcement for miscellaneous State business licenses.

~~BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article Business Regulation
Section 17-202(d), 17-302(f), and 17-2106
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That ~~the Laws of Maryland read as follows:~~

(a) The Comptroller, in consultation with stakeholders, shall study the process by which the Field Enforcement Bureau of the Comptroller's Office enforces miscellaneous State business licenses under Title 17 of the Business Regulation Article.

(b) The Comptroller shall consult with, at a minimum, the following stakeholders:

- (1) the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission;
- (2) the Maryland Chamber of Commerce;
- (3) the Maryland Retailers Alliance;
- (4) the Maryland Restaurant Association;
- (5) the Job Opportunities Task Force; and
- (6) the Maryland Circuit Court Clerks' Association.

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(c) On or before December 1, 2025, the Comptroller shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, including:

(1) a review of the process by which the Field Enforcement Bureau of the Comptroller's Office enforces the miscellaneous State business licenses;

(2) a review and recommendation as to whether civil citations could be used rather than or in conjunction with criminal citations to enforce the miscellaneous State business licenses;

(3) recommendations on how to ensure that the Field Enforcement Bureau can, for the purposes of license enforcement, properly identify and contact the owner, operator, or responsible party for a miscellaneous State business license;

(4) recommendations on how to ensure citations related to miscellaneous State business license enforcement are only issued to the business owner, operator, or responsible party; and

(5) recommendations on how the Field Enforcement Bureau can effectively issue citations related to miscellaneous State business license enforcement when the business owner does not reside in the State.

~~Article Business Regulation~~

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~~(d) To enforce this title, the Comptroller may make investigations and hold hearings on any matter covered by this title, at any time or place in the State, and, in connection with an investigation or hearing, may:~~

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~~(f) Each application for a license shall:~~

~~(1) DESIGNATE AT LEAST ONE INDIVIDUAL TO SERVE AS THE LICENSE REPRESENTATIVE WHO:~~

~~(i) IS A RESIDENT OF THE STATE;~~

~~(ii) IS A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE BUSINESS FOR THE PURPOSE OF BEING SUBJECT TO THE PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION OF SUBTITLE 21 OF THIS TITLE; AND~~

~~(iii) HAS ACCEPTED THE RESPONSIBILITY UNDER ITEM (ii) OF THIS ITEM;~~

~~(2) PROVIDE THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE LICENSE REPRESENTATIVE; AND~~

~~(3) contain any information required by the Comptroller in regulation~~

~~17-2106.~~

~~(a) THE PENALTIES FOR A VIOLATION OF THIS SUBTITLE APPLY TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS:~~

~~(1) A PERSON SPECIFIED AS THE BUSINESS OWNER IN THE LICENSE APPLICATION;~~

~~(2) AN INDIVIDUAL DESIGNATED AS A LICENSE REPRESENTATIVE UNDER § 17-302(F)(1) OF THIS TITLE;~~

~~(3) FOR A CORPORATION, THE CORPORATION OR ONE OR MORE OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION;~~

~~(4) FOR A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY;~~

~~(i) IF THE COMPANY DOES NOT HAVE AN OPERATING AGREEMENT, ONE OR MORE MEMBERS; OR~~

~~(ii) IF THE COMPANY HAS AN OPERATING AGREEMENT, ONE OR MORE INDIVIDUALS WHO MANAGE THE BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE COMPANY;~~

~~(5) FOR A LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP;~~

~~(i) IF THE PARTNERSHIP DOES NOT HAVE A WRITTEN PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT, ONE OR MORE GENERAL PARTNERS; OR~~

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~~(H) IF THE PARTNERSHIP HAS A WRITTEN PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT, ONE OR MORE INDIVIDUALS WHO MANAGE THE BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE PARTNERSHIP; AND~~

~~(6) FOR A BUSINESS ENTITY NOT IDENTIFIED UNDER ITEMS (3) THROUGH (5) OF THIS SUBSECTION, ONE OR MORE INDIVIDUALS WHO MANAGE THE BUSINESS AND AFFAIRS OF THE ENTITY.~~

~~(B) Except as otherwise specifically provided in this title, a person who violates this subtitle is guilty of a misdemeanor and, on conviction, is subject to a fine not exceeding \$300 or imprisonment not exceeding 30 days.~~

~~[(b)] (C) Each [agent or officer of a corporation] PERSON WHO IS convicted of violating this subtitle [who actually engaged in the unlicensed business is] MAY BE individually subject to the penalties provided by law.~~

~~[(c)] (D) The penalty provided in this section does not affect any other penalty specifically provided by law for a violation of a license law.~~

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~October~~ July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.



Cannabis



CANNABIS **STATEWIDE**

SB 299/HB 1347

Security Guards and Security Guard Employers - Registration, Certification, and Regulation

EFFECTIVE DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 36-501;
Article - Business Occupations and Professions Section 19-101(m)

SUMMARY:

- ▶ Exempts a cannabis agent providing security services for a cannabis licensee or registrant from being required to have a State and national criminal history records check under § 36-505 if they are already authorized to provide security services under Title 19, Subtitle 4 of the Business Occupations and Professions Article.
- ▶ Adds a video lottery operator, a sports wagering facility licensee, and a health care facility to the list of entities that are not considered security guard employers.

Chapter 703

(Senate Bill 299)

AN ACT concerning

~~Cannabis Agents – Registration –~~ **Security Guards and Security Guard
Employers – Registration, Certification, and Regulation**

FOR the purpose of providing that a cannabis agent who is employed to provide security services for a cannabis licensee or cannabis registrant as a security guard or by a security guard agency is not required to obtain a State or national criminal history records check if the cannabis agent is authorized to provide security guard services in accordance with certain provisions of law; ~~and generally relating to cannabis agent registration and security guards~~ altering the definition of “security guard employer” for purposes of provisions of law governing the regulation of security guards, security guard agencies, and security guard employers to exclude video lottery facilities, sports wagering facility licensees, and health care facilities; and generally relating to the registration, certification, and regulation of security guards and security guard employers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 36–501
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 19–101(a), (k), and (l), 19–201, and 19–401(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 19–101(m)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–1A–14(a) and (b) and 9–1E–03(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

36–501.

(a) A cannabis agent must be registered with the Administration before the agent may volunteer or work for a cannabis licensee or cannabis registrant.

(b) A cannabis agent registration is valid for 2 years.

(c) **(1) [To] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, TO** register as a cannabis agent with the Administration, an individual must:

[(1)] (I) be at least 21 years old; and

[(2)] (II) if the records are legally accessible, obtain a State and national criminal history records check in accordance with § 36–505 of this subtitle.

(2) A CANNABIS AGENT WHO IS EMPLOYED TO PROVIDE SECURITY SERVICES FOR A CANNABIS LICENSEE OR CANNABIS REGISTRANT AS A SECURITY GUARD OR BY A SECURITY GUARD AGENCY, AS DEFINED IN § 19–101 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE, IS NOT REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A STATE OR NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 36–505 OF THIS SUBTITLE IF THE CANNABIS AGENT IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE SECURITY GUARD SERVICES UNDER TITLE 19, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE.

(d) (1) The Administration may not register as a cannabis agent an individual who does not meet the criteria established under subsection (c) of this section.

(2) The Administration may disqualify an individual from registering as a cannabis agent if the individual has been convicted of or pleaded nolo contendere to a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside.

(e) The Administration may not deny a cannabis agent registration based on any cannabis–related offenses occurring before July 1, 2023.

(f) A cannabis licensee shall require each registered cannabis agent to complete an annual responsible vendor training program authorized under this title.

(g) A registration of a cannabis agent issued by the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission on or before July 1, 2023, shall:

- (1) be valid under this title; and
- (2) authorize the cannabis agent to be employed by or volunteer with a licensed cannabis business.

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

19–101.

- (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(k) “Security guard” means an individual who, regardless of whether the individual is described as a security guard, watchman, or private patrolman or by other title:

- (1) (i) is an employee of a security guard agency; and
- (ii) provides security guard services to another person on behalf of the security guard agency; or

- (2) (i) is an employee of a security guard employer; and
- (ii) provides security guard services to the security guard employer.

(l) (1) “Security guard agency” means a person who conducts a business that provides security guard services.

- (2) “Security guard agency” does not include:

(i) a person that is primarily engaged in the business of owning, maintaining, or otherwise managing property; or

- (ii) a security guard employer.

(m) (1) “Security guard employer” means a person who employs security guards only to provide security guard services to the person.

- (2) “Security guard employer” does not include:*

(I) a security guard agency;

(II) A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR, AS DEFINED UNDER § 9–1A–01 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE;

(III) A SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSEE, AS DEFINED UNDER § 9–1E–01 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE; OR

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(IV) A HEALTH CARE FACILITY, AS DEFINED UNDER § 19-114 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE.

19-201.

Subject to the provisions of this title, the Secretary is responsible for the licensing of security guard agencies and the regulation of those persons who provide security guard services in the State.

19-401.

(c) Except as provided under subsection (d) of this section, a security guard employer may employ a security guard to provide security guard services only if the individual is certified by the Secretary as a security guard.

Article – State Government

9-1A-14.

(a) Unless an individual holds a valid video lottery employee license or temporary video lottery employee license issued by the Commission, the individual may not be employed by a video lottery operation licensee as a video lottery employee.

(b) Before issuance of a video lottery employee license, an applicant shall provide sufficient information, documentation, and assurances that the Commission may require.

9-1E-03.

(a) (1) Unless the context requires otherwise, the requirements under §§ 9-1A-04, 9-1A-06, 9-1A-07, 9-1A-08, 9-1A-12, 9-1A-14, 9-1A-18, 9-1A-19, 9-1A-20, and 9-1A-25 of this title apply to the authority, duties, and responsibilities of the Commission, a sports wagering licensee, and an employee or a contractor of a sports wagering licensee under this subtitle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

Chapter 702

(House Bill 1347)

AN ACT concerning

~~Cannabis Agents – Registration~~ **Security Guards *and* Security Guard
Employers – Registration, Certification, and Regulation**

FOR the purpose of providing that a cannabis agent who is employed to provide security services for a cannabis licensee or cannabis registrant as a security guard or by a security guard agency is not required to obtain a State or national criminal history records check if the cannabis agent is authorized to provide security guard services in accordance with certain provisions of law; ~~and generally relating to cannabis agent registration and security guards~~ altering the definition of “security guard employer” for purposes of provisions of law governing the regulation of security guards, security guard agencies, and security guard employers to exclude video lottery facilities, sports wagering facility licensees, and health care facilities; and generally relating to the registration, certification, and regulation of security guards and security guard employers.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
Section 36–501
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 19–101(a), (k), and (l), 19–201, and 19–401(c)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Business Occupations and Professions
Section 19–101(m)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2018 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–1A–14(a) and (b) and 9–1E–03(a)(1)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

36–501.

(a) A cannabis agent must be registered with the Administration before the agent may volunteer or work for a cannabis licensee or cannabis registrant.

(b) A cannabis agent registration is valid for 2 years.

(c) **(1) [To] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, TO** register as a cannabis agent with the Administration, an individual must:

[(1)] (I) be at least 21 years old; and

[(2)] (II) if the records are legally accessible, obtain a State and national criminal history records check in accordance with § 36–505 of this subtitle.

(2) A CANNABIS AGENT WHO IS EMPLOYED TO PROVIDE SECURITY SERVICES FOR A CANNABIS LICENSEE OR CANNABIS REGISTRANT AS A SECURITY GUARD OR BY A SECURITY GUARD AGENCY, AS DEFINED IN § 19–101 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE, IS NOT REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A STATE OR NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY RECORDS CHECK IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 36–505 OF THIS SUBTITLE IF THE CANNABIS AGENT IS AUTHORIZED TO PROVIDE SECURITY GUARD SERVICES UNDER TITLE 19, SUBTITLE 4 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE.

(d) (1) The Administration may not register as a cannabis agent an individual who does not meet the criteria established under subsection (c) of this section.

(2) The Administration may disqualify an individual from registering as a cannabis agent if the individual has been convicted of or pleaded nolo contendere to a crime involving moral turpitude, whether or not any appeal or other proceeding is pending to have the conviction or plea set aside.

(e) The Administration may not deny a cannabis agent registration based on any cannabis–related offenses occurring before July 1, 2023.

(f) A cannabis licensee shall require each registered cannabis agent to complete an annual responsible vendor training program authorized under this title.

(g) A registration of a cannabis agent issued by the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission on or before July 1, 2023, shall:

- (1) be valid under this title; and
- (2) authorize the cannabis agent to be employed by or volunteer with a licensed cannabis business.

Article – Business Occupations and Professions

19–101.

- (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(k) “Security guard” means an individual who, regardless of whether the individual is described as a security guard, watchman, or private patrolman or by other title:

- (1) (i) is an employee of a security guard agency; and
- (ii) provides security guard services to another person on behalf of the security guard agency; or

- (2) (i) is an employee of a security guard employer; and
- (ii) provides security guard services to the security guard employer.

(l) (1) “Security guard agency” means a person who conducts a business that provides security guard services.

- (2) “Security guard agency” does not include:

- (i) a person that is primarily engaged in the business of owning, maintaining, or otherwise managing property; or

- (ii) a security guard employer.

(m) (1) “Security guard employer” means a person who employs security guards only to provide security guard services to the person.

- (2) “Security guard employer” does not include:*

- (I) a security guard agency;*

- (II) A VIDEO LOTTERY OPERATOR, AS DEFINED UNDER § 9-1A-01 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE;*

- (III) A SPORTS WAGERING FACILITY LICENSEE, AS DEFINED UNDER § 9-1E-01 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE; OR*

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(IV) A HEALTH CARE FACILITY, AS DEFINED UNDER § 19-114 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE.

19-201.

Subject to the provisions of this title, the Secretary is responsible for the licensing of security guard agencies and the regulation of those persons who provide security guard services in the State.

19-401.

(c) Except as provided under subsection (d) of this section, a security guard employer may employ a security guard to provide security guard services only if the individual is certified by the Secretary as a security guard.

Article – State Government

9-1A-14.

(a) Unless an individual holds a valid video lottery employee license or temporary video lottery employee license issued by the Commission, the individual may not be employed by a video lottery operation licensee as a video lottery employee.

(b) Before issuance of a video lottery employee license, an applicant shall provide sufficient information, documentation, and assurances that the Commission may require.

9-1E-03.

(a) (1) Unless the context requires otherwise, the requirements under §§ 9-1A-04, 9-1A-06, 9-1A-07, 9-1A-08, 9-1A-12, 9-1A-14, 9-1A-18, 9-1A-19, 9-1A-20, and 9-1A-25 of this title apply to the authority, duties, and responsibilities of the Commission, a sports wagering licensee, and an employee or a contractor of a sports wagering licensee under this subtitle.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.



CANNABIS

STATEWIDE**SB 214 / HB 012****Sale and Distribution - Tetrahydrocannabinol Offenses**

📅 EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Section 1-313, 6-207, 36-1102(a) through (d), and 36-1104.; Article - Criminal Law 10-108

SUMMARY:

- ▶ Redefines "Tetrahydrocannabinol" (THC) in the Alcoholic Beverages Cannabis Article (ABCA) to include any THC including Delta-8, 9, and 10.
- ▶ Displaying or Offering THC products for sale individually or in a business is prima facie evidence that the individual sold THC products.
- ▶ Requires that all THC products, even those sold outside the licensed cannabis market, must meet the packaging and labeling requirements under ABCA §36-203.1, ABCA §36-203, and related regulations.
- ▶ Authorizes the ATCC to issue citations and seize, destroy, or confiscate non-compliant THC products.
- ▶ Unlicensed businesses selling non-compliant products are subject to misdemeanor charges and fines up to \$5,000.
- ▶ ATCC Agents may now enforce Criminal Law Article § 10-108, which prohibits sales to underage individuals of products containing any amount of Delta-8-THC or Delta-10-THC.

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Chapter 58

(Senate Bill 214)

AN ACT concerning

Cannabis – Sale and Distribution – Tetrahydrocannabinol Offenses

FOR the purpose of authorizing the officers and employees of the Field Enforcement Division of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission to issue a citation for a certain violation; providing that the display or offering of tetrahydrocannabinol for sale is prima facie evidence of selling tetrahydrocannabinol; prohibiting the sale or distribution of certain products that contain tetrahydrocannabinol or are advertised as containing tetrahydrocannabinol; authorizing the Executive Director of the Commission to seize, destroy, or confiscate a certain unlawful product; and generally relating to the sale and distribution of tetrahydrocannabinol and related offenses.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 1–313 and 6–207
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 36–1102(a) through (d)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY adding to
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 36–1104
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Criminal Law
 Section 10–108
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2021 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

1–313.

- (a) There is a Field Enforcement Division in the Office of the Executive Director.
- (b) (1) The Field Enforcement Division may employ officers and employees as provided in the State budget.
- (2) The officers and employees of the Field Enforcement Division:
 - (i) shall be sworn police officers;
 - (ii) shall have the powers, duties, and responsibilities of peace officers to enforce the provisions of this article relating to:
 - 1. the unlawful importation of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and cannabis into the State;
 - 2. the unlawful manufacture of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and cannabis in the State;
 - 3. the transportation and distribution throughout the State of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and cannabis that are manufactured illegally and on which any alcoholic beverages taxes, tobacco taxes, or cannabis taxes imposed by the State are due and unpaid; and
 - 4. the manufacture, sale, barter, transportation, distribution, or other form of owning, handling, or dispersing alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or cannabis by any person not licensed or authorized under this article, provisions of the Tax – General Article relating to alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or cannabis, or provisions of the Business Regulation Article relating to alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or cannabis; [and]
 - (iii) **MAY ISSUE A CITATION OR OTHER CHARGING DOCUMENT TO A PERSON WHO HAS COMMITTED A VIOLATION OF § 10–108 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE; AND**
 - (iv) may make cooperative arrangements for and work and cooperate with the Office of the Comptroller, local State’s Attorneys, sheriffs, bailiffs, police, and other prosecuting and peace officers to enforce this article.
- (c) The Field Enforcement Division:
 - (1) shall consult with and advise the local State’s Attorneys and other law enforcement officials and police officers regarding enforcement problems in their respective jurisdictions; and

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(2) may recommend changes to improve the administration of this article, provisions of the Tax – General Article relating to alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and cannabis, and provisions of the Business Regulation Article relating to tobacco.

6–207.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 36–1102 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(B) In a prosecution for selling alcoholic beverages **OR TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL** without an appropriate license, proof that the defendant displayed or offered alcoholic beverages **OR TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL** for sale, or kept a place of business where alcoholic beverages **OR TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL** were displayed or offered for sale, is prima facie evidence that the defendant sold alcoholic beverages **OR TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL**.

36–1102.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Hemp” has the meaning stated in § 14–401 of the Agriculture Article.

(3) “Tetrahydrocannabinol” means:

(i) any tetrahydrocannabinol, including delta–8–tetrahydrocannabinol, delta–9–tetrahydrocannabinol, and delta–10–tetrahydrocannabinol, regardless of how derived;

(ii) any other cannabinoid, except cannabidiol that the Administration determines to cause intoxication; and

(iii) any other chemically similar compound, substance, derivative, or isomer of tetrahydrocannabinol, as identified by the Administration.

(4) “Tincture” means a solution that is:

(i) dissolved in alcohol, glycerin, or vegetable oil; and

(ii) distributed in a dropper bottle of 4 ounces or less.

(b) (1) A person may not sell or distribute a product intended for human consumption or inhalation that contains more than 0.5 milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol per serving or 2.5 milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol per package unless the person is licensed under § 36–401 of this title and the product complies with the:

(i) manufacturing standards established under § 36–203 of this title;

(ii) laboratory testing standards established under § 36–203 of this title; and

(iii) packaging and labeling standards established under § 36–203 of this title.

(2) A person may not sell or distribute a product described under paragraph (1) of this subsection to an individual under the age of 21 years.

(c) A person may not sell or distribute a cannabinoid product that is not derived from naturally occurring biologically active chemical constituents.

(d) (1) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section and subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, it is not a violation of this section for a person to sell or distribute a hemp-derived tincture intended for human consumption that contains:

(i) a ratio of cannabidiol to tetrahydrocannabinol of at least 15 to 1; and

(ii) 2.5 milligrams or less of tetrahydrocannabinol per serving and 100 milligrams or less of tetrahydrocannabinol per package.

(2) To sell or distribute a hemp-derived tincture under this subsection, a person must provide, as required by the Administration, tincture samples for the purpose of testing to determine chemical potency and composition levels and to detect and quantify contaminants.

36–1104.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 36–1102 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) A PERSON MAY NOT SELL OR DISTRIBUTE A PRODUCT CONTAINING TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL THAT VIOLATES THE POTENCY, PACKAGING, OR LABELING REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 36–203 OR § 36–203.1 OF THIS TITLE OR ANY REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THOSE SECTIONS.

(C) (1) A PERSON MAY NOT SELL OR DISTRIBUTE A PRODUCT THAT IS ADVERTISED AS CONTAINING AN AMOUNT OF TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL THAT VIOLATES § 36–1102 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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(2) ADVERTISING UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION INCLUDES PACKAGING, LABELING, OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION.

(D) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY SEIZE, DESTROY, OR CONFISCATE A PRODUCT THAT IS:

(1) OFFERED OR DISPLAYED FOR SALE TO A CONSUMER IN A LOCATION THAT IS NOT APPROPRIATELY LICENSED UNDER SUBTITLE 4 OF THIS TITLE; AND

(2) THE SUBJECT OF A VIOLATION UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OR (C) OF THIS SECTION.

(E) (1) IF A PERSON WHO IS NOT A CANNABIS LICENSEE VIOLATES SUBSECTION (B) OR (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE PERSON:

(I) MAY BE CHARGED BY A CITATION; AND

(II) IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000.

(2) IF A CANNABIS LICENSEE VIOLATES SUBSECTION (B) OR (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE LICENSEE IS SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 36–202 OF THIS TITLE.

Article – Criminal Law

10–108.

(a) A person who distributes products containing delta–8– or delta–10–tetrahydrocannabinol, including a person licensed under Title 16, Title 16.5, Title 16.7, Title 16.9, or Title 17 of the Business Regulation Article, may not distribute, purchase for sale, or sell a product containing delta–8– or delta–10–tetrahydrocannabinol to an individual under the age of 21 years.

(b) In a prosecution for a violation of this section, it is a defense that the defendant examined the purchaser’s or recipient’s driver’s license, or other valid identification issued by a governmental unit, that positively identified the purchaser or recipient as being at least 21 years old.

(c) Any website owned, managed, or operated by a person who distributes or sells a product containing delta–8– or delta–10–tetrahydrocannabinol shall employ a neutral age–screening mechanism that verifies that the user is at least 21 years old, including by using an age–gate, age–screen, or age–verification mechanism.

(d) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding:

- (1) \$300 for a first violation;
- (2) \$1,000 for a second violation occurring within 2 years after the first violation; and
- (3) \$3,000 for each subsequent violation occurring within 2 years after the preceding violation.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, April 8, 2025.

WES MOORE, Governor

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Chapter 57

(House Bill 12)

AN ACT concerning

Cannabis – Sale and Distribution – Tetrahydrocannabinol Offenses

FOR the purpose of authorizing the officers and employees of the Field Enforcement Division of the Alcohol, Tobacco, and Cannabis Commission to issue a citation for a certain violation; providing that the display or offering of tetrahydrocannabinol for sale is prima facie evidence of selling tetrahydrocannabinol; prohibiting the sale or distribution of certain products that contain tetrahydrocannabinol or are advertised as containing tetrahydrocannabinol; authorizing the Executive Director of the Commission to seize, destroy, or confiscate a certain unlawful product; and generally relating to the sale and distribution of tetrahydrocannabinol and related offenses.

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 Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Criminal Law
 Section 10–108
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

1–313.

- (a) There is a Field Enforcement Division in the Office of the Executive Director.
- (b) (1) The Field Enforcement Division may employ officers and employees as provided in the State budget.
- (2) The officers and employees of the Field Enforcement Division:
 - (i) shall be sworn police officers;
 - (ii) shall have the powers, duties, and responsibilities of peace officers to enforce the provisions of this article relating to:
 - 1. the unlawful importation of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and cannabis into the State;
 - 2. the unlawful manufacture of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and cannabis in the State;
 - 3. the transportation and distribution throughout the State of alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and cannabis that are manufactured illegally and on which any alcoholic beverages taxes, tobacco taxes, or cannabis taxes imposed by the State are due and unpaid; and
 - 4. the manufacture, sale, barter, transportation, distribution, or other form of owning, handling, or dispersing alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or cannabis by any person not licensed or authorized under this article, provisions of the Tax – General Article relating to alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or cannabis, or provisions of the Business Regulation Article relating to alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or cannabis; [and]
 - (iii) **MAY ISSUE A CITATION OR OTHER CHARGING DOCUMENT TO A PERSON WHO HAS COMMITTED A VIOLATION OF § 10–108 OF THE CRIMINAL LAW ARTICLE; AND**
 - (iv) may make cooperative arrangements for and work and cooperate with the Office of the Comptroller, local State’s Attorneys, sheriffs, bailiffs, police, and other prosecuting and peace officers to enforce this article.
- (c) The Field Enforcement Division:
 - (1) shall consult with and advise the local State’s Attorneys and other law enforcement officials and police officers regarding enforcement problems in their respective jurisdictions; and

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(2) may recommend changes to improve the administration of this article, provisions of the Tax – General Article relating to alcoholic beverages, tobacco, and cannabis, and provisions of the Business Regulation Article relating to tobacco.

6–207.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 36–1102 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(B) In a prosecution for selling alcoholic beverages **OR TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL** without an appropriate license, proof that the defendant displayed or offered alcoholic beverages **OR TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL** for sale, or kept a place of business where alcoholic beverages **OR TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL** were displayed or offered for sale, is prima facie evidence that the defendant sold alcoholic beverages **OR TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL**.

36–1102.

(a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) “Hemp” has the meaning stated in § 14–401 of the Agriculture Article.

(3) “Tetrahydrocannabinol” means:

(i) any tetrahydrocannabinol, including delta–8–tetrahydrocannabinol, delta–9–tetrahydrocannabinol, and delta–10–tetrahydrocannabinol, regardless of how derived;

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(iii) any other chemically similar compound, substance, derivative, or isomer of tetrahydrocannabinol, as identified by the Administration.

(4) “Tincture” means a solution that is:

(i) dissolved in alcohol, glycerin, or vegetable oil; and

(ii) distributed in a dropper bottle of 4 ounces or less.

(b) (1) A person may not sell or distribute a product intended for human consumption or inhalation that contains more than 0.5 milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol per serving or 2.5 milligrams of tetrahydrocannabinol per package unless the person is licensed under § 36–401 of this title and the product complies with the:

(i) manufacturing standards established under § 36–203 of this title;

(ii) laboratory testing standards established under § 36–203 of this title; and

(iii) packaging and labeling standards established under § 36–203 of this title.

(2) A person may not sell or distribute a product described under paragraph (1) of this subsection to an individual under the age of 21 years.

(c) A person may not sell or distribute a cannabinoid product that is not derived from naturally occurring biologically active chemical constituents.

(d) (1) Notwithstanding subsection (b) of this section and subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, it is not a violation of this section for a person to sell or distribute a hemp–derived tincture intended for human consumption that contains:

(i) a ratio of cannabidiol to tetrahydrocannabinol of at least 15 to 1; and

(ii) 2.5 milligrams or less of tetrahydrocannabinol per serving and 100 milligrams or less of tetrahydrocannabinol per package.

(2) To sell or distribute a hemp–derived tincture under this subsection, a person must provide, as required by the Administration, tincture samples for the purpose of testing to determine chemical potency and composition levels and to detect and quantify contaminants.

36–1104.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 36–1102 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(B) A PERSON MAY NOT SELL OR DISTRIBUTE A PRODUCT CONTAINING TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL THAT VIOLATES THE POTENCY, PACKAGING, OR LABELING REQUIREMENTS UNDER § 36–203 OR § 36–203.1 OF THIS TITLE OR ANY REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THOSE SECTIONS.

(C) (1) A PERSON MAY NOT SELL OR DISTRIBUTE A PRODUCT THAT IS ADVERTISED AS CONTAINING AN AMOUNT OF TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL THAT VIOLATES § 36–1102 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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(2) ADVERTISING UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION INCLUDES PACKAGING, LABELING, OR ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION.

(D) THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MAY SEIZE, DESTROY, OR CONFISCATE A PRODUCT THAT IS:

(1) OFFERED OR DISPLAYED FOR SALE TO A CONSUMER IN A LOCATION THAT IS NOT APPROPRIATELY LICENSED UNDER SUBTITLE 4 OF THIS TITLE; AND

(2) THE SUBJECT OF A VIOLATION UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OR (C) OF THIS SECTION.

(E) (1) IF A PERSON WHO IS NOT A CANNABIS LICENSEE VIOLATES SUBSECTION (B) OR (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE PERSON:

(I) MAY BE CHARGED BY A CITATION; AND

(II) IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000.

(2) IF A CANNABIS LICENSEE VIOLATES SUBSECTION (B) OR (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE LICENSEE IS SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE ADMINISTRATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 36–202 OF THIS TITLE.

Article – Criminal Law

10–108.

(a) A person who distributes products containing delta–8– or delta–10–tetrahydrocannabinol, including a person licensed under Title 16, Title 16.5, Title 16.7, Title 16.9, or Title 17 of the Business Regulation Article, may not distribute, purchase for sale, or sell a product containing delta–8– or delta–10–tetrahydrocannabinol to an individual under the age of 21 years.

(b) In a prosecution for a violation of this section, it is a defense that the defendant examined the purchaser’s or recipient’s driver’s license, or other valid identification issued by a governmental unit, that positively identified the purchaser or recipient as being at least 21 years old.

(c) Any website owned, managed, or operated by a person who distributes or sells a product containing delta–8– or delta–10–tetrahydrocannabinol shall employ a neutral age–screening mechanism that verifies that the user is at least 21 years old, including by using an age–gate, age–screen, or age–verification mechanism.

(d) A person who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding:

- (1) \$300 for a first violation;
- (2) \$1,000 for a second violation occurring within 2 years after the first violation; and
- (3) \$3,000 for each subsequent violation occurring within 2 years after the preceding violation.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, April 8, 2025.

CANNABIS STATEWIDE

SB 215

Cannabis Reform - Revisions

 EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Sections 36-101(i), (y), (c-1), (ee-1), 36-401 (g), 36-404(f), (g), 36-407, 26-410, and 36-503.; Article - Tax - General Section 11-206(a)(3)

SUMMARY:

- ▶ This bill establishes “cannabinoid beverages” as single-serving products containing 5 mg of THC, produced by a cannabis licensee, and meeting testing, packaging, and labeling standards.
- ▶ Defines a “single-serving product” as an individually packaged edible intended for immediate consumption that does not exceed serving limits.
- ▶ Extends the authority of medical cannabis licensees to deliver cannabis through July 1, 2026.
- ▶ Eliminates on-site consumption licenses from the second licensing round but reserves them for social equity applicants in future rounds.
- ▶ Allows “cannabis products” to be consumed on the premises of on-site consumption licensees.
- ▶ Authorizes political subdivisions to set operating hours for on-site consumption establishments.
- ▶ Permits on-site consumptions licensees to:
 - » Acquire cannabis or cannabis products from a cannabis licensee.
 - » Repackage cannabis or cannabis products to create single-serving products.
 - » Process single-serving products.
- ▶ On-site consumption licensees may not cultivate cannabis.
- ▶ On-site consumption establishments may operate as food service facilities if they first obtain:
 - » Building and mechanical permits.
 - » A use and occupancy certificate.
 - » Any other applicable permits or licenses.
- ▶ Products at on-site consumption establishments must still meet the manufacturing, testing, packaging, and labeling standards in § 36-203 and 36-203.1 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article.
- ▶ Prohibits on-site consumption establishments from:
 - » Allowing consumers to use cannabis or cannabis products obtained elsewhere.
 - » Allowing consumers to leave with cannabis or cannabis products.
 - » Selling cannabis or cannabis products exceeding a single serving.
- ▶ As supply becomes available as determined by the MCA, dispensaries must ensure at least 25% of their cannabis and cannabis products come from social equity licensees, growers, and processors with no shared ownership.
- ▶ Political subdivisions have until July 1, 2025, to adopt ordinances reducing distance requirements for dispensaries, currently set at 500 feet from schools or child care facilities and 1,000 feet from another dispensary.
- ▶ Allows cannabis licensees to sell the business through an Employee Stock Ownership Plan before the 5-year transfer restriction ends.
- ▶ Excludes cannabinoid beverages from the definition of “food” in the Tax General Article, and therefore cannabinoid beverages are not eligible for tax rates and exemptions that may apply to foods.



Chapter 120

(Senate Bill 215)

AN ACT concerning

Cannabis – On-Site Consumption Establishments and Cannabis Events Reform – Revisions

FOR the purpose of extending the time period during which a holder of a certain cannabis dispensary license may continue to deliver medical cannabis; repealing a certain authorization to issue on-site consumption licenses during a certain round of cannabis licensing; limiting application submissions for on-site consumption licenses to social equity applicants under certain circumstances; authorizing a political subdivision to establish hours of operation for on-site consumption establishments; authorizing the holder of an on-site consumption license to repackage and process ~~cannabis and cannabis products~~ certain single-serving products under certain circumstances; establishing certain prohibitions for on-site consumption establishments related to the sale, distribution, and consumption of cannabis; ~~altering a certain inventory requirement for dispensary licensees; altering the circumstances under which a certain waiting period applies; providing that a certain food sales exemption from the sales and use tax does not apply to the sale of certain cannabinoid beverages; authorizing the holder of a certain cannabis event registration established under this Act to hold certain cannabis events under certain circumstances; establishing certain vendor permits for the sale or distribution of cannabis products at cannabis events; authorizing political subdivisions to prohibit or restrict the authorization of cannabis events, subject to certain limitations; and generally relating to cannabis, on-site consumption establishments, and cannabis events.~~

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 36-101(a), (c), (h), and (y) and 36-404(e)
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2024 Replacement Volume)

BY adding to
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 36-101(c-1) and (ee-1) and 36-407.1
 Annotated Code of Maryland
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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
 Section 36-101(i), 36-401(g), 36-404(g)(3), and 36-407 36-404(f) and (g), 36-407,
36-410, and 36-503
 Annotated Code of Maryland

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BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,Article – Tax – GeneralSection 11–206(a)(3)Annotated Code of Maryland(2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

36–101.

(a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

(c) “Administration” means the Maryland Cannabis Administration established under this title.

(C–1) “CANNABINOID BEVERAGE” MEANS A BEVERAGE INTENDED FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION BY ORAL INGESTION THAT:

(1) IS SUITABLE FOR BEVERAGE PURPOSES;

(2) CONTAINS 5 MILLIGRAMS OR LESS OF TETRAHYDROCANNABINOL, AS DEFINED IN § 36–1102 OF THIS TITLE, PER SERVING;

(3) IS CONTAINED AS A SINGLE–SERVING PRODUCT;

(4) IS LAWFULLY PRODUCED BY A CANNABIS LICENSEE; AND

(5) COMPLIES WITH:

(I) THE LABORATORY TESTING STANDARDS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 36–203 OF THIS TITLE; AND

(II) THE PACKAGING AND LABELING STANDARDS ESTABLISHED UNDER §§ 36–203 AND 36–203.1 OF THIS TITLE.

(h) “Cannabis licensee” means a business licensed by the Administration to operate in the cannabis industry.

(i) “Cannabis products” means products that are composed of cannabis, cannabis concentrate, cannabis extract, or other ingredients and are intended for use or consumption, including **CANNABINOID BEVERAGES**, edible products, oils, and tinctures.

(y) “On-site consumption establishment” means an entity licensed under § 36–401(c)(4) of this title to distribute cannabis or cannabis products for on-site consumption other than consumption by smoking indoors.

(EE–1) (1) “SINGLE–SERVING PRODUCT” MEANS AN EDIBLE CANNABIS PRODUCT THAT:

(I) IS INDIVIDUALLY PACKAGED FOR RETAIL SALE;

(II) DOES NOT EXCEED THE SERVING LIMITS ESTABLISHED BY THE REGULATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATION; AND

(III) IS INTENDED FOR IMMEDIATE CONSUMPTION.

(2) “SINGLE–SERVING PRODUCT” INCLUDES A CANNABINOID BEVERAGE.

36–401.

(g) Notwithstanding any provisions of this title, the holder of a dispensary license issued by the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission who converts the license or a registrant with the Natalie M. LaPrade Medical Cannabis Commission may continue to deliver medical cannabis until July 1, [2025] 2026.

36–404.

(e) For the second round of licensing, the Administration shall issue licenses in accordance with subsection (f) or (g) of this section.

(f) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, if the Administration, in consultation with the certification agency designated by the Board of Public Works under § 14–303(b) of the State Finance and Procurement Article, the Governor’s Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs, the General Assembly, and the Office of the Attorney General, determines that a disparity study demonstrates a strong basis in evidence of business discrimination against firms owned by minorities and women in the Maryland cannabis market, the Administration shall issue a second round of licenses, applying minimum licensing qualifications and employing remedial measures consistent with constitutional requirements, for not more than:

(i) for standard licenses:

1. 25 grower licenses;

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- 2. 25 processor licenses; and
- 3. 120 dispensary licenses;
- (ii) for micro licenses:
 - 1. 70 grower licenses; and
 - 2. 70 processor licenses; AND
- (iii) 10 incubator space licenses]; and
- (iv) 15 on-site consumption licenses].

(2) If the Administration, in consultation with the certification agency designated by the Board of Public Works under § 14-303(b) of the State Finance and Procurement Article, the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs, the General Assembly, and the Office of the Attorney General, determines that a lottery system employing remedial measures established in accordance with a disparity study can be conducted consistent with constitutional requirements, the Administration shall award licenses under paragraph (1) of this subsection through a lottery process that employs remedial measures.

(g) (1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) of this subsection, if the Administration, in consultation with the certification agency designated by the Board of Public Works under § 14-303(b) of the State Finance and Procurement Article, the Governor's Office of Small, Minority, and Women Business Affairs, the General Assembly, and the Office of the Attorney General, determines that a disparity study does not demonstrate a strong basis in evidence of business discrimination against firms owned by minorities and women in the Maryland cannabis market, the Administration shall enter each applicant that meets the minimum qualifications established by the Administration into a lottery and issue to the applicants not more than:

- (i) for standard licenses:
 - 1. 25 grower licenses;
 - 2. 25 processor licenses; and
 - 3. 120 dispensary licenses;
- (ii) for micro licenses:
 - 1. 70 grower licenses; and

2. 70 processor licenses; AND(iii) 10 incubator space licenses]; and(iv) 15 on-site consumption licenses].

(2) The Administration shall determine whether an application meets the minimum qualifications for a lottery based on a pass-fail basis, as determined by the Administration, after evaluating:

(i) a detailed operational plan for the safe, secure, and effective cultivation, manufacture, or dispensing of cannabis;

(ii) a business plan demonstrating a likelihood of success and sufficient business ability and experience on the part of the applicant, and providing for appropriate employee working conditions; and

(iii) a detailed diversity plan.

~~(g)~~ (3) Application submissions for micro licenses **AND ON-SITE CONSUMPTION LICENSES** under this subsection are limited to social equity applicants.

36-407.

(a) (1) A person shall obtain an on-site consumption license from the Administration before operating a premises where cannabis may be consumed.

(2) The Administration may issue on-site consumption licenses authorizing an entity to operate a licensed premises in which cannabis **OR CANNABIS PRODUCTS** may be consumed, but not smoked indoors, in accordance with this title and any regulations adopted under this title.

(3) An on-site consumption establishment may operate only if the political subdivision where the business is located has issued a permit or license that expressly allows the operation of the on-site consumption establishment.

(b) Subject to the limitations in § 36-405 of this subtitle, a political subdivision may:

(1) prohibit the operation of on-site consumption establishments;

(2) prohibit or restrict the smoking or vaping of cannabis at on-site consumption establishments; [or]

(3) adopt zoning and planning requirements for on-site consumption establishments; **OR**

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(4) ESTABLISH HOURS OF OPERATION FOR ON-SITE CONSUMPTION ESTABLISHMENTS.

(c) (1) An on-site consumption license authorizes an entity, **FOR THE PURPOSES OF ON-SITE CONSUMPTION**, to:

(I) distribute cannabis or cannabis products [for on-site consumption];

(II) ACQUIRE CANNABIS OR CANNABIS PRODUCTS FROM A CANNABIS LICENSEE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS TITLE;

(III) REPACKAGE CANNABIS OR CANNABIS PRODUCTS FOR THE PURPOSE OF CREATING SINGLE-SERVING PRODUCTS; AND

(IV) PROCESS ~~CANNABIS OR CANNABIS INFUSED PRODUCTS~~ SINGLE-SERVING PRODUCTS.

(2) An on-site consumption license does not authorize the holder of the license to[:

(i)] cultivate cannabis[:

(ii) process cannabis or cannabis-infused products; or

(iii) add cannabis to food prepared or served on the premises.

(d) A business that has average daily receipts from the sale of bakery goods that are at least 50% of the average daily receipts of the business may apply for a license to operate an on-site consumption establishment].

(D) (1) ~~AN~~ SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, AN ON-SITE CONSUMPTION ESTABLISHMENT MAY ALSO OPERATE AS A FOOD SERVICE FACILITY, AS DEFINED IN § 21-301 OF THE HEALTH – GENERAL ARTICLE.

(2) BEFORE OPERATING AS A FOOD SERVICE FACILITY, THE ON-SITE CONSUMPTION ESTABLISHMENT SHALL OBTAIN FROM THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN WHICH THE ON-SITE CONSUMPTION ESTABLISHMENT IS LOCATED ALL NECESSARY APPROVALS FOR OPERATING A FOOD SERVICE FACILITY, INCLUDING:

(I) BUILDING CODE PERMITS;

(II) MECHANICAL CODE PERMITS;

(III) A USE AND OCCUPANCY CERTIFICATE; AND**(IV) ANY OTHER APPLICABLE PERMITS OR LICENSES.**

(E) AN ON-SITE CONSUMPTION ESTABLISHMENT SHALL COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING STANDARDS WHEN ~~PROCESSING, PREPARING, REPACKAGING, OR INFUSING ANY CANNABIS OR CANNABIS PRODUCTS~~ ACTING IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (C)(1) OF THIS SECTION:

(1) MANUFACTURING STANDARDS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 36-203 OF THIS TITLE;

(2) LABORATORY TESTING STANDARDS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 36-203 OF THIS TITLE; AND

(3) PACKAGING AND LABELING STANDARDS ESTABLISHED UNDER §§ 36-203 AND 36-203.1 OF THIS TITLE.

[(e)] (F) The Administration shall:

- (1)** maintain a list of all on-site consumption establishments in the State; and
- (2)** make the list available on its website.

[(f)] (G) An on-site consumption establishment may not:

- (1)** allow on-duty employees of the business to consume cannabis on the licensed premises;
- (2)** distribute or allow the distribution of free samples of cannabis on the licensed premises;
- (3)** allow the consumption of alcohol on the licensed premises;
- (4)** allow the smoking or vaping of tobacco or tobacco products on the licensed premises;
- (5)** allow an activity on the licensed premises that would require an additional license under this title, including growing[, processing,] or dispensing;
- (6)** allow the indoor smoking of cannabis or cannabis products on the licensed premises;

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(7) allow the use or consumption of cannabis by a patron who displays any visible signs of intoxication; [or]

(8) admit onto the licensed premises an individual who is under the age of 21 years;

(9) ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL TO CONSUME CANNABIS OR CANNABIS PRODUCTS ON THE PREMISES IF THE CANNABIS OR CANNABIS PRODUCT WAS NOT OBTAINED FROM THE ON-SITE CONSUMPTION ESTABLISHMENT;

(10) ALLOW AN INDIVIDUAL TO REMOVE CANNABIS OR CANNABIS PRODUCTS FROM THE PREMISES OF THE ESTABLISHMENT; OR

(11) SELL OR DISTRIBUTE CANNABIS OR CANNABIS PRODUCTS TO AN INDIVIDUAL THAT ARE INTENDED AS MORE THAN A SINGLE-SERVING PRODUCT.

[(g)] (H) An on-site consumption establishment shall:

(1) require all employees to successfully complete an annual responsible vendor training program authorized under this title; and

(2) ensure that the display and consumption of cannabis or cannabis products are not visible from outside of the licensed premises.

[(h)] (I) (1) An on-site cannabis establishment shall educate consumers by providing informational materials regarding the safe consumption of cannabis.

(2) The educational materials provided under paragraph (1) of this subsection must be based on the requirements established by the Cannabis Public Health Advisory Council established under § 13-4502 of the Health – General Article.

[(i)] (J) This section does not prohibit a county or municipality from adopting additional requirements for education on the safe consumption of cannabis on the premises of a licensed on-site consumption establishment.

[(j)] (K) A person may have an ownership interest in or control of, including the power to manage and operate, two on-site consumption establishments licensed under this section.

36-410.

(a) Beginning July 1, 2023, a cannabis licensee that is operating a dispensary shall:

(1) ensure that it has adequate supply for qualifying patients and caregivers;

(2) set aside operating hours or dedicated service lines to serve only qualifying patients and caregivers; and

(3) AS SUPPLY BECOMES AVAILABLE AS DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION, ensure that at least 25% of cannabis and cannabis products in the dispensary are from social equity licensees ~~and growers and processors~~ that do not share common ownership with the dispensary.

(b) Except as provided in subsection (d) of this section, a licensed dispensary may not locate within:

(1) 500 feet of:

(i) a pre-existing primary or secondary school in the State, or a licensed child care center or registered family child care home under Title 9.5 of the Education Article; or

(ii) a pre-existing playground, recreation center, library, public park, or place of worship; or

(2) 1,000 feet of another dispensary under this title.

(c) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection, a political subdivision may adopt an ordinance reducing, but not increasing, the distance requirements under subsection (b) of this section.

(2) A political subdivision may by ordinance increase the distance limitation for dispensaries under subsection (b)(2) of this section to not more than one-half mile.

(d) The distance requirements under subsection (b) of this section do not apply to a dispensary license that was:

(1) converted under § 36-401(b)(1)(ii) of this subtitle; and

(2) properly zoned and operating before July 1, 2023.

(e) A political subdivision may not adopt an ordinance establishing zoning requirements for licensed dispensaries that are more restrictive than zoning requirements for a retail dealer licensed under this article.

(f) A political subdivision may not adopt an ordinance:

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(1) establishing a zoning requirement for a licensed grower cultivating cannabis exclusively outdoors in an area zoned only for agricultural use that is more restrictive than any zoning requirements that existed on June 30, 2023, governing a hemp farm registered under Title 14 of the Agriculture Article in the political subdivision; or

(2) prohibiting outdoor cannabis cultivation on a premises that was properly zoned for outdoor cannabis cultivation on or before June 30, 2023.

(g) A political subdivision may:

(1) by ordinance, establish a distance limitation for dispensaries of up to 100 feet from an area zoned for residential use; or

(2) apply to dispensaries the distance limitation for licensed alcoholic beverage retailers from an area zoned for residential use.

(h) A political subdivision shall grant a waiver to an ordinance that provides a distance requirement for dispensaries under this section for a licensed dispensary that was in operation before April 1, 2024.

(I) A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION THAT HAS NOT ADOPTED AN ORDINANCE UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION BEFORE ~~JANUARY~~ JULY 1, 2025, IS SUBJECT TO THE DISTANCE REQUIREMENTS UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION.

36–503.

(a) A cannabis license granted under this title is not transferable except as provided in this section.

(b) To transfer ownership or control of a license issued under this title, a licensee:

(1) shall submit to the Administration:

(i) an application fee in an amount to be determined by the Administration in accordance with this subtitle; and

(ii) an application developed by the Administration; and

(2) must meet the requirements for transfer of ownership or control established by the Administration under this title.

(c) (1) A cannabis licensee, including a cannabis licensee whose license was converted in accordance with § 36–401 of this title, may not transfer ownership or control of the license for a period of at least 5 years following licensure.

(2) The 5-year period specified in paragraph (1) of this subsection does not include the time period that a business is considered by the Administration to be in a preapproved licensure status.

(3) The limitations under this subsection do not apply to:

(I) transfers as a result of the disability, incapacity, or death of the owner of a cannabis license, bankruptcy or receivership in accordance with a lending agreement of a cannabis licensee, or court order; OR

(II) THE SALE OF A CANNABIS LICENSEE TO THE LICENSEE'S EMPLOYEES THROUGH AN EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN AS DEFINED IN § 407(D)(6)(A) OF THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT INCOME SECURITY ACT OF 1974.

(4) The limitations under this subsection do not apply to a transfer of ownership that is the subject of a legally binding settlement agreement resulting from litigation commenced on or before January 1, 2023.

~~36-407.1.~~

~~(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.~~

~~(2) "CANNABIS EVENT" MEANS AN EVENT THAT:~~

~~(I) INVOLVES THE CONSUMPTION OF CANNABIS PRODUCTS BY INDIVIDUALS ON THE PREMISES OF THE EVENT; AND~~

~~(II) WAS AUTHORIZED BY THE ADMINISTRATION THROUGH A CANNABIS EVENT REGISTRATION.~~

~~(3) "CANNABIS EVENT REGISTRATION" MEANS A TEMPORARY REGISTRATION ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATION THAT AUTHORIZES A PERSON TO HOLD A CANNABIS EVENT.~~

~~(4) "VENDOR PERMIT" MEANS A PERMIT ISSUED BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO A CANNABIS LICENSEE THAT AUTHORIZES THE SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF CANNABIS PRODUCTS TO INDIVIDUALS AT A CANNABIS EVENT.~~

~~(B) (1) A PERSON SHALL OBTAIN A CANNABIS EVENT REGISTRATION FROM THE ADMINISTRATION BEFORE HOLDING A CANNABIS EVENT.~~

~~(2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:~~

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~~(I) MAINTAIN A LIST OF ALL CANNABIS EVENTS IN THE STATE;~~
~~AND~~

~~(II) MAKE THE LIST AVAILABLE ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S WEBSITE;~~

~~(C) (1) A PERSON WHO HAS OBTAINED A CANNABIS EVENT REGISTRATION AND LEGAL CONTROL OF REAL PROPERTY THAT IS THE LOCATION OF THE CANNABIS EVENT MAY:~~

~~(I) ALLOW THE CONSUMPTION OF EDIBLE CANNABIS PRODUCTS BY INDIVIDUALS AT THE CANNABIS EVENT;~~

~~(II) ACQUIRE CANNABINOID BEVERAGES FOR RETAIL SALE OR DISTRIBUTION TO INDIVIDUALS FOR CONSUMPTION AT THE CANNABIS EVENT; AND~~

~~(III) ALLOW A HOLDER OF A VENDOR PERMIT TO SELL OR DISTRIBUTE SINGLE-SERVING PRODUCTS AT THE CANNABIS EVENT.~~

~~(2) A CANNABIS EVENT REGISTRATION DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE HOLDER OF THE REGISTRATION TO CONDUCT AN ACTIVITY THAT WOULD REQUIRE AN ADDITIONAL LICENSE UNDER THIS TITLE.~~

~~(D) (1) IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A CANNABIS EVENT REGISTRATION UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION, A PERSON SHALL PROVIDE THE ADMINISTRATION WITH THE FOLLOWING:~~

~~(I) GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE CANNABIS EVENT;~~

~~(II) THE TIME, DATE, LOCATION, AND DURATION OF THE CANNABIS EVENT;~~

~~(III) NOTICE OF AT LEAST 60 CALENDAR DAYS BEFORE THE EVENT; AND~~

~~(IV) ANY OTHER INFORMATION THAT THE ADMINISTRATION REQUIRES.~~

~~(2) A CANNABIS EVENT AUTHORIZED BY THE ADMINISTRATION UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL BE LIMITED:~~

~~(I) TO A PERIOD OF 48 HOURS; AND~~

~~(H) TO 4 CONSECUTIVE DAYS FOR THE SAME OR SIMILAR EVENT AT THE SAME OR APPROXIMATE LOCATION.~~

~~(3) (I) A CANNABIS EVENT MAY NOT BE HELD IN VIOLATION OF THIS SUBSECTION.~~

~~(H) A CANNABIS EVENT REGISTRATION SHALL BE VOID IF THE HOLDER OF THE REGISTRATION VIOLATES SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH.~~

~~(E) (1) THE HOLDER OF A CANNABIS EVENT REGISTRATION MAY NOT:~~

~~(I) ALLOW THE SMOKING OR VAPING OF CANNABIS OR CANNABIS PRODUCTS AT THE CANNABIS EVENT;~~

~~(H) ALLOW THE USE OR CONSUMPTION OF CANNABIS BY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DISPLAYS ANY VISIBLE SIGNS OF INTOXICATION; OR~~

~~(HH) HOLD, OWN, OR CONTROL A CANNABIS LICENSE.~~

~~(2) (I) SUBJECT TO SUBPARAGRAPH (H) OF THIS PARAGRAPH, THE HOLDER OF A CANNABIS EVENT REGISTRATION FOR THE PURPOSE SPECIFIED UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(1)(HH) OF THIS SECTION MAY NOT:~~

~~1. ADMIT ONTO THE CANNABIS EVENT PREMISES AN INDIVIDUAL WHO IS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS; OR~~

~~2. ALLOW THE CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL ON THE PREMISES OF THE CANNABIS EVENT.~~

~~(H) THE PROHIBITIONS UNDER SUBPARAGRAPH (I) OF THIS PARAGRAPH DO NOT APPLY IF THE SALE, DISTRIBUTION, AND CONSUMPTION OF CANNABIS PRODUCTS ARE RESTRICTED TO AN AREA WITHIN THE EVENT THAT:~~

~~1. PROHIBITS ACCESS TO INDIVIDUALS UNDER THE AGE OF 21 YEARS;~~

~~2. DOES NOT AUTHORIZE THE SALE, DISTRIBUTION, OR CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL; AND~~

~~3. IS NOT VISIBLE FROM ANY PUBLIC PLACE OR UNRESTRICTED AREA OF THE CANNABIS EVENT.~~

~~(F) (1) THE HOLDER OF A VENDOR PERMIT MAY SELL OR DISTRIBUTE SINGLE SERVING PRODUCTS TO INDIVIDUALS AT A CANNABIS EVENT.~~

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~~(2) A CANNABIS LICENSEE SHALL SUBMIT A REQUEST FOR A VENDOR PERMIT TO THE ADMINISTRATION AT LEAST 30 CALENDAR DAYS BEFORE THE CANNABIS EVENT.~~

~~(3) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ISSUE VENDOR PERMITS TO:~~

~~(i) SOCIAL EQUITY LICENSEES ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2028;~~
AND

~~(ii) SOCIAL EQUITY, DISPENSARY, ON-SITE CONSUMPTION, OR PROCESSOR LICENSEES ON OR AFTER JULY 1, 2028.~~

~~(4) THE HOLDER OF A VENDOR PERMIT SHALL COMPLY WITH:~~

~~(i) THE MANUFACTURING STANDARDS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 36-203 OF THIS TITLE;~~

~~(ii) THE LABORATORY TESTING STANDARDS ESTABLISHED UNDER § 36-203 OF THIS TITLE;~~

~~(iii) PACKAGING AND LABELING STANDARDS ESTABLISHED UNDER §§ 36-203 AND 36-203.1 OF THIS TITLE; AND~~

~~(iv) APPLICABLE REGULATIONS ADOPTED UNDER THIS TITLE.~~

~~(G) (1) THE SALE OF CANNABIS AND CANNABIS PRODUCTS UNDER THIS SECTION IS SUBJECT TO THE SALES AND USE TAX AT THE RATE APPLICABLE TO CANNABIS SALES UNDER § 11-104(K) OF THE TAX GENERAL ARTICLE.~~

~~(2) THE LOCATION OF A CANNABIS EVENT SHALL BE THE BASIS FOR CALCULATING ANY AMOUNT OF THE SALES AND USE TAX DISTRIBUTED UNDER § 2-1302.2 OF THE TAX GENERAL ARTICLE.~~

~~(H) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CHARGE A \$500 FEE FOR EACH DAY THAT A CANNABIS EVENT IS HELD.~~

~~(2) FOR A VENDOR PERMIT AT A CANNABIS EVENT, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT CHARGE A FEE OF MORE THAN \$5,000 FOR EVERY 2,000 CANNABIS EVENT ATTENDEES.~~

~~(I) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS IN § 36-405 OF THIS SUBTITLE, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION MAY:~~

~~(1) PROHIBIT OR RESTRICT THE AUTHORIZATION OF CANNABIS EVENT REGISTRATIONS; OR~~

~~(2) ASSESS AN ADDITIONAL FEE ON CANNABIS EVENT REGISTRATIONS THAT AUTHORIZE A CANNABIS EVENT WITHIN THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.~~

~~(J) THE ADMINISTRATION, A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, OR A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, AS DEFINED IN § 3-201 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE, MAY ORDER THE IMMEDIATE CESSATION OF A CANNABIS EVENT IF:~~

~~(1) THE HOLDER OF A CANNABIS EVENT REGISTRATION OR VENDOR PERMIT SELLS OR DISTRIBUTES CANNABIS OR CANNABIS PRODUCTS IN VIOLATION OF THIS TITLE; OR~~

~~(2) IT IS OTHERWISE NECESSARY TO PROTECT THE IMMEDIATE PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE OF THE CANNABIS EVENT ATTENDEES AND SURROUNDING COMMUNITY.~~

~~(K) A PERSON WHO HOLDS AN UNAUTHORIZED CANNABIS EVENT IN VIOLATION OF THIS SECTION IS GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND ON CONVICTION IS SUBJECT TO A FINE NOT EXCEEDING \$5,000.~~

~~(L) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THIS SECTION.~~

Article – Tax – General

11-206.

- (a) (3) (i) “Food” means food for human consumption.
- (ii) “Food” includes the following foods and their products:
1. beverages, including coffee, coffee substitutes, cocoa, fruit juices, and tea;
 2. condiments;
 3. eggs;
 4. fish, meat, and poultry;
 5. fruit, grain, and vegetables;

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6. milk, including ice cream; and

7. sugar.

(iii) “Food” does not include:

1. an alcoholic beverage as defined in § 5–101 of this article;

2. a soft drink or carbonated beverage; [or]

3. A CANNABINOID BEVERAGE AS DEFINED IN § 36–101
OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CANNABIS ARTICLE; OR

4. candy or confectionery.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
~~October~~ July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, April 22, 2025.



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HB 619

Sales and Use Tax - Sales Between Cannabis Businesses and Cannabis Nurseries - Exemption

 EFFECTIVE DATE: JULY 1, 2025

STATUTES AFFECTED: Article - Tax - General Section 11-245

SUMMARY: Adds sales between a licensed cannabis business and a registered cannabis nursery to the list of sales exempt from the sales and use tax.

WES MOORE, Governor

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(House Bill 619)

AN ACT concerning

Sales and Use Tax – Sales Between Cannabis Businesses and Cannabis Nurseries – Exemption

FOR the purpose of expanding the exemption from the sales and use tax for certain cannabis sales to include sales between certain licensed cannabis businesses and registered cannabis nurseries; and generally relating to the sales and use tax on the sale of cannabis.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Tax – General
 Section 11–245
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2022 Replacement Volume and 2024 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Tax – General

11–245.

The sales and use tax does not apply to the sale of:

(1) medical cannabis under Title 36 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article; [or]

(2) cannabis between cannabis businesses that are licensed under Title 36 of the Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis Article; OR

(3) CANNABIS BETWEEN A CANNABIS BUSINESS LICENSED UNDER TITLE 36 OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CANNABIS ARTICLE AND A CANNABIS NURSERY REGISTERED UNDER TITLE 36 OF THE ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CANNABIS ARTICLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2025.

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