

HOUSE BILL 623

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By: **Harford County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2024

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class L License**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Class L beer and wine license in Harford County;
4 authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue the
5 license to a holder of a manufacturer’s license; authorizing the license holder to hold
6 another license or permit issued by the Board; specifying that the license authorizes
7 the license holder to sell certain beer and wine for on–premises consumption under
8 certain circumstances; requiring the license holder to provide prepackaged snacks;
9 providing for the hours of sale and an annual license fee; requiring the retention of
10 certain records for a certain period of time; and generally relating to alcoholic
11 beverages in Harford County.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
14 Section 22–102
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

17 BY adding to
18 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
19 Section 22–811
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

25 22–102.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 This title applies only in Harford County.

2 **22-811.**

3 **(A) THERE IS A CLASS L BEER AND WINE LICENSE.**

4 **(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO THE HOLDER OF A**
5 **MANUFACTURER'S LICENSE.**

6 **(C) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY HOLD ANOTHER LICENSE OR PERMIT**
7 **ISSUED BY THE BOARD TO SELL PRODUCTS THE HOLDER PRODUCES TO THE EXTENT**
8 **THE HOLDER IS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE HOLDER'S MANUFACTURER'S LICENSE.**

9 **(D) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER, FOR ON-PREMISES**
10 **CONSUMPTION, TO SELL BEER AND WINE:**

11 **(1) PRODUCED BY THE HOLDER OR ANOTHER HOLDER OF A**
12 **MANUFACTURER'S LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS ARTICLE AND HELD IN THE**
13 **COUNTY; AND**

14 **(2) THAT MAY BE MIXED WITH:**

15 **(I) OTHER BEER AND WINE THAT IS PRODUCED OR**
16 **MANUFACTURED IN THE COUNTY; OR**

17 **(II) NONALCOHOLIC PRODUCTS, REGARDLESS OF WHERE THE**
18 **NONALCOHOLIC PRODUCTS ARE PRODUCED OR MANUFACTURED.**

19 **(E) THE LICENSE HOLDER SHALL RETAIN, FOR 2 YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF**
20 **PURCHASE, INVOICES AND ANY RECORDS OF THE PURCHASE OF ANY ALCOHOLIC**
21 **BEVERAGE PRODUCT NOT MANUFACTURED BY THE LICENSE HOLDER.**

22 **(F) THE LICENSE HOLDER IS NOT REQUIRED TO SELL FOOD BUT IS**
23 **REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PREPACKAGED SNACKS.**

24 **(G) THE HOURS OF SALE FOR A CLASS L BEER AND WINE LICENSE ARE THE**
25 **SAME AS THOSE FOR THE UNDERLYING MANUFACTURER'S LICENSE.**

26 **(H) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$2,000.**

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
28 1, 2024.