

SENATE BILL 646

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By: **Senators Carozza and Eckardt**

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Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Wicomico County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class B–BF (Banquet Facility) License**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Class B–BF (banquet facility) beer, wine, and liquor
4 license in Wicomico County; authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for
5 Wicomico County to issue the license for use by certain banquet facilities; and
6 generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Wicomico County.

7 BY renumbering

8 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

9 Section 32–1001.1

10 to be Section 32–1001.2

11 Annotated Code of Maryland

12 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

13 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

14 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

15 Section 32–102

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

18 BY adding to

19 Article – Alcoholic Beverages

20 Section 32–1001.1

21 Annotated Code of Maryland

22 (2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
24 That Section(s) 32–1001.1 of Article – Alcoholic Beverages of the Annotated Code of
25 Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 32–1001.2.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read
2 as follows:

3 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

4 32–102.

5 This title applies only in Wicomico County.

6 **32–1001.1.**

7 **(A) THERE IS A CLASS B–BF (BANQUET FACILITY) BEER, WINE, AND**
8 **LIQUOR LICENSE.**

9 **(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE FOR USE BY A BANQUET FACILITY**
10 **THAT:**

11 **(1) ACCOMMODATES THE PUBLIC FOR BANQUETS, PARTIES,**
12 **MEETINGS, AND SIMILAR FUNCTIONS;**

13 **(2) CONTAINS A DINING ROOM WITH ADEQUATE FACILITIES FOR**
14 **PREPARING AND SERVING FULL–COURSE MEALS FOR AT LEAST 100 INDIVIDUALS**
15 **WHO ARE INSIDE THE FACILITY OR OUTSIDE ON THE PREMISES AT ONE SEATING;**
16 **AND**

17 **(3) HAS ADEQUATE PUBLIC BATHROOM FACILITIES.**

18 **(C) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL AT RETAIL**
19 **BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR FOR ON–PREMISES CONSUMPTION IF:**

20 **(1) THE BEER AND WINE ARE SOLD BY THE DRINK OR BY THE BOTTLE;**

21 **(2) THE LIQUOR IS SOLD ONLY BY THE DRINK;**

22 **(3) THE BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR ARE SOLD ONLY DURING THE**
23 **FUNCTION;**

24 **(4) THE LICENSE HOLDER DOES NOT SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR**
25 **FOR OFF–PREMISES CONSUMPTION;**

26 **(5) THE LICENSE HOLDER DOES NOT ALLOW BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR**
27 **TO BE CARRIED OFF THE PREMISES; AND**

1 **(6) FOOD IS PROVIDED AT THE FUNCTION WHERE THE BEER, WINE,**
2 **AND LIQUOR ARE PROVIDED.**

3 **(D) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR DURING THE**
4 **HOURS AND DAYS AS SET OUT FOR A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE**
5 **UNDER § 32-2004 OF THIS TITLE.**

6 **(E) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$1,500.**

7 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
8 1, 2022.