

Chapter 770

**(Senate Bill 646)**

AN ACT concerning

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

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

BY renumbering

Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 32–1001.1  
to be Section 32–1001.2  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 32–102  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

BY adding to

Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
Section 32–1001.1  
Annotated Code of Maryland  
(2016 Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

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

**Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

32–102.

This title applies only in Wicomico County.

**32–1001.1.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**(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 § 32–2004 OF THIS TITLE.**

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

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

**Enacted under Article II, § 17(c) of the Maryland Constitution, May 29, 2022.**