

SENATE BILL 788

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CF HB 346

By: **Senator M. Washington**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

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

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

10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
11 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
12 Section 12–102 and 12–1603(a) and (b)(3)
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2024 Replacement Volume)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
16 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
17 Section 12–1603(c)(17) and (18)
18 Annotated Code of Maryland
19 (2024 Replacement Volume)

20 BY adding to
21 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
22 Section 12–1603(c)(19) through (21)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



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:

(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.

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

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.