

SENATE BILL 1039

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By: **Washington County Senators**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2017

Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Hotel and Motel Licenses**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the privileges of Class B beer, wine, and liquor hotel and
4 restaurant licenses issued in Washington County so that the privileges may be
5 exercised for on- and off-premises consumption for certain licenses and for
6 on-premises consumption only for all other licenses; making certain conforming
7 changes; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Washington
8 County.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
11 Section 31–102
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
16 Section 31–903
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

22 31–102.

23 This title applies only in Washington County.

24 31–903.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(a) There is a Class B beer, wine, and liquor [(on-sale)] hotel and restaurant license.

(b) The Board may issue the license to the owner of a hotel or motel that:

(1) is in a building at least three stories tall that was originally constructed for hotel or motel purposes;

(2) has a capital investment of at least \$500,000; and

(3) contains:

(i) at least one passenger elevator;

(ii) at least 100 rooms to accommodate the public;

(iii) a lobby with a registration and mail desk and seating facilities; and

(iv) a ballroom, conference room, or banquet room.

(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]:

(1) through room service or otherwise to registered guests; or

(2) by the glass, bottle, or can to individuals attending an event in a ballroom, conference room, or banquet room.

(D) THE PRIVILEGES OF THE LICENSE MAY BE EXERCISED:

(1) IF THE LICENSE WAS ISSUED ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2016, AND HAD AN OFF-SALE PRIVILEGE, FOR ON- AND OFF-PREMISES CONSUMPTION; AND

(2) FOR ALL OTHER LICENSES, FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION ONLY.

[(d)] **(E)** Except as provided in regulations adopted by the Board under subsection [(f)] **(G)** 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 (on-sale) license under § 31-2004(c) of this title.

[(e)] **(F)** (1) The annual license fee is \$1,000.

1 (2) The fee for a Sunday permit is \$250.

2 **[(f)] (G)** The Board may adopt regulations to carry out this section, including
3 regulations that:

4 (1) provide for the manner of dispensing beer, wine, and liquor under the
5 license;

6 (2) provide for the hours and days of sale; and

7 (3) limit the quantity of alcoholic beverages that may be sold to an
8 individual as a single serving or during a 24-hour period.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
10 1, 2017.