

SENATE BILL 939

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By: **Senator Hayes**

Introduced and read first time: January 28, 2025

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Alcoholic Beverages – Authorizations and Revisions**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Board of License Commissioners for Baltimore City to
4 impose a fee for expedited processing of certain Class C per diem licenses; requiring
5 the Board to adopt regulations related to the application process for Class C per diem
6 licenses, including for the denial or revocation of the licenses; authorizing the Board
7 to issue certain alcoholic beverages licenses for certain locations in the 40th alcoholic
8 beverages district; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in Baltimore City.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
10 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
11 Section 12–102 and 12–1603(a), (b), and (c)(1)(ii)
12 Annotated Code of Maryland
13 (2024 Replacement Volume)

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
16 Section 12–1311 and 12–1603(c)(17) and (18)
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2024 Replacement Volume)

19 BY adding to
20 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
21 Section 12–1314 and 12–1603(c)(19) through (22)
22 Annotated Code of Maryland
23 (2024 Replacement Volume)

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

26 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 12-102.

2 This title applies only in Baltimore City.

3 12-1311.

4 (a) The Board shall set the license fee for a Class C per diem beer license and a
5 Class C per diem beer and wine license.

6 (b) (1) The Board shall set the license fee for a Class C per diem beer, wine,
7 and liquor license.

8 (2) The Board may collect from the license holder reimbursement for costs
9 incurred while monitoring the event for which the license is issued.

10 **(C) THE BOARD SHALL IMPOSE A FEE OF NOT MORE THAN \$250 FOR**
11 **EXPEDITED PROCESSING OF A PER DIEM LICENSE APPLICATION IF THE**
12 **APPLICATION IS SUBMITTED LESS THAN 2 WEEKS BEFORE THE SCHEDULED EVENT**
13 **REQUIRING THE PER DIEM LICENSE.**

14 12-1314.

15 **(A) THE BOARD SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS RELATING TO THE**
16 **APPLICATION PROCESS FOR CLASS C PER DIEM LICENSES ISSUED IN ACCORDANCE**
17 **WITH §§ 4-1203 AND 4-1204 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

18 **(B) REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD UNDER THIS SECTION MAY**
19 **AUTHORIZE THE BOARD TO DENY OR REVOKE A CLASS C PER DIEM LICENSE.**

20 12-1603.

21 (a) The alcoholic beverages districts described in this section at all times are
22 coterminous with the legislative districts in the Legislative Districting Plan of 2022.

23 (b) Except as provided in subsection (c) of this section, the Board may not issue a
24 new license in:

25 (1) the 40th alcoholic beverages district;

26 (2) the 41st alcoholic beverages district;

27 (3) the 43rd alcoholic beverages district;

28 (4) the 44th alcoholic beverages district; and

(5) the 45th alcoholic beverages district.

(c) The Board may issue:

(1) in the alcoholic beverages districts specified in subsection (b) of this section:

(ii) a Class B beer, wine, and liquor license to a restaurant that:

1. has a minimum capital investment, not including the cost of land and buildings, of \$200,000 for restaurant facilities; and

2. has a minimum seating capacity of 75 individuals;

(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 C BEER AND LIGHT WINE LICENSE IN THE 2500 BLOCK OF WEST NORTH AVENUE IN THE 40TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT TO BE USED DURING ON–CAMPUS EVENTS IF:

(I) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE GREATER MONDAWMIN COORDINATING COUNCIL; AND

(II) THE BOARD WAIVES ANY REQUIREMENTS THAT SALES CAN BE MADE ONLY TO MEMBERS AND THE GUESTS OF MEMBERS;

(20) A CLASS C BEER AND WINE LICENSE ON THE ODD SIDE OF THE 800 BLOCK OF NORTH HOWARD STREET IN THE 40TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT IF:

(I) THE APPLICANT DOES NOT CONVERT THE LICENSE TO A DIFFERENT LICENSE CLASS;

(II) THE APPLICANT DOES NOT TRANSFER THE LICENSE TO A DIFFERENT LOCATION;

(III) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES ARE SERVED ONLY TO PATRONS INDOORS;

(IV) ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES SALES BEGIN NOT EARLIER THAN 10 A.M. AND END NOT LATER THAN 9 P.M.;

(V) THE APPLICANT PROVIDES NOT MORE THAN TWO 12-OUNCE OFFERINGS OF BEER OR TWO 6-OUNCE OFFERINGS OF WINE BY THE GLASS FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION BY A PATRON WHILE THE PATRON IS PROVIDED A BARBERING SERVICE REGULATED UNDER TITLE 4, SUBTITLE 5 OF THE BUSINESS OCCUPATIONS AND PROFESSIONS ARTICLE;

(VI) THE BOARD WAIVES ANY REQUIREMENTS THAT SALES CAN BE MADE ONLY TO MEMBERS AND THE GUESTS OF MEMBERS; AND

(VII) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE MOUNT VERNON – BELVEDERE ASSOCIATION;

(21) A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE FOR A RESTAURANT ON THE EVEN SIDE OF THE 1100 BLOCK OF HOLLINS STREET IN THE 40TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT IF:

(I) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE HOLLINS ROUNDHOUSE ASSOCIATION; AND

(II) THE BOARD WAIVES THE MINIMUM SEATING REQUIREMENT UNDER ITEM (1)(II)2 OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND

(22) A CLASS B BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE FOR A RESTAURANT ON THE EVEN SIDE OF THE UNIT BLOCK OF SOUTH CARROLLTON AVENUE IN THE 40TH ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES DISTRICT IF:

1 **(I) THE APPLICANT EXECUTES A MEMORANDUM OF**
2 **UNDERSTANDING WITH THE HOLLINS ROUNDHOUSE ASSOCIATION; AND**

3 **(II) THE BOARD WAIVES THE MINIMUM SEATING REQUIREMENT**
4 **UNDER ITEM (1)(II)2 OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

5 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
6 1, 2025.