

HOUSE BILL 714

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By: **Harford County Delegation**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Performing Arts Nonprofit**
3 **Organization License – Record–Keeping Requirements**

4 FOR the purpose of repealing certain incorrect references to the Comptroller of Maryland
5 in certain provisions of law requiring the holder of a performing arts nonprofit
6 organization license in Harford County to comply with certain record–keeping and
7 reporting requirements; repealing the authority of the Comptroller to suspend the
8 license of a license holder without a hearing under certain circumstances;
9 authorizing, rather than requiring, the Board to summon a license holder for a
10 hearing and impose a fine under certain circumstances; and generally relating to
11 alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford County.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
14 Section 22–102 and 22–1005.2(b)
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2024 Replacement Volume)

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18 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
19 Section 22–1005.2(k)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
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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.



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

Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

22–102.

This title applies only in Harford County.

22–1005.2.

(b) There is a performing arts nonprofit organization beer, wine, and liquor license.

(k) (1) The license holder shall:

(i) keep complete and accurate records of all alcoholic beverages sold, served, and purchased under this section;

(ii) on written request of [the Comptroller,] the Board[,] or the Executive Director, report on the form that [the Comptroller,] the Board[,] or the Executive Director requires information relating to the alcoholic beverages that are the subject of the records required to be kept; and

(iii) on request of [the Comptroller,] the Board[,] or the Executive Director, make the report under oath.

(2) (i) Except as provided in subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, each license holder shall keep records at the location designated in the license.

(ii) If the license holder is allowed to have more than one location, the license holder may keep the records at the principal location.

(iii) The records shall:

1. meet form and content requirements of [the Comptroller,] the Board[,] or the Executive Director;

2. be preserved for at least 2 years in a manner that ensures permanency; and

3. be made available for audit or inspection during regular business hours by [the Comptroller,] the Board, [or] the Executive Director, or a designee of [the Comptroller,] the Board[,] or the Executive Director.

(3) (i) [The Comptroller may without a hearing immediately suspend for a maximum of 30 days the license of a license holder who fails to comply with this subsection.

(ii) If a report required by this section or an investigation by the Board, a Board officer, [the Comptroller,] the Executive Director, or any other person indicates that the license holder is violating this section, the Board [shall] **MAY** summon the license holder and conduct a hearing.

[(iii)] (II) If the charges at the hearing are sustained, the Board:

1. [shall] **MAY** impose a fine of not less than \$250 and not more than \$2,000; and

2. may suspend or revoke the license holder's license immediately.

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.