

SENATE BILL 17

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(PRE-FILED)

By: **Senator Simonaire**

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County – Alcoholic Beverages Licenses – Veterans’ Organizations**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing a certain holder of a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license
4 in Anne Arundel County to convert the license to a Class C (veterans’ organization)
5 license; altering the annual license fee for a Class C (veterans’ organization) license;
6 authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Anne Arundel County to provide
7 application and administrative fee discounts to certain licensees and applicants;
8 authorizing the holder of a Class C (veterans’ organization) license to operate on
9 Sunday without obtaining a Sunday license; and generally relating to alcoholic
10 beverages licenses in Anne Arundel County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
13 Section 11–102 and 11–903
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2024 Replacement Volume)

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17 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
18 Section 11–1009 and 11–2004(c)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2024 Replacement Volume)

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

23 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

24 11–102.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



This title applies only in Anne Arundel County.

11–903.

(a) There is a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license.

(b) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail, at a club at the place described in the license, for on–premises consumption.

(c) The annual license fee is \$480.

11–1009.

(a) There is a Class C (veterans’ organization) license.

(b) The Board shall issue the license for use by a local unit of a nationwide nonprofit organization or club that:

(1) is composed only of members who served in the armed forces of the United States in a war in which the United States has been engaged;

(2) has a charter from a national veterans’ organization that was granted before the application for the license was made;

(3) has a bona fide membership of at least 100 individuals and dues of at least \$5 per year per individual; and

(4) operates for its members and meets in a clubhouse principally used for its members.

(c) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail at the place described in the license for on–premises consumption.

(d) The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor during the hours and days as set out for a Class C [beer, wine, and liquor] (VETERANS’ ORGANIZATION) license under § 11–2004 of this title.

(E) (1) A HOLDER OF A CLASS C BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE ISSUED UNDER § 11–903 OF THIS TITLE THAT QUALIFIES AS A VETERANS’ ORGANIZATION UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION MAY APPLY TO CONVERT THE LICENSE TO A CLASS C (VETERANS’ ORGANIZATION) LICENSE.

(2) THE CONVERSION TO AND ISSUANCE OF A CLASS C (VETERANS’ ORGANIZATION) LICENSE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE CONSIDERED A LICENSE RENEWAL AND NOT AN ISSUANCE OF A NEW LICENSE.

1 ~~[(e)]~~ (F) (1) The annual license fee is ~~[\$400]~~ **\$300**.

2 **(2) THE BOARD MAY PROVIDE APPLICATION AND ADMINISTRATIVE**
3 **FEE DISCOUNTS TO AN ORGANIZATION THAT:**

4 **(I) QUALIFIES AS A VETERANS' ORGANIZATION UNDER**
5 **SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION; AND**

6 **(II) 1. HOLDS A CLASS C (VETERANS' ORGANIZATION)**
7 **LICENSE;**

8 **2. APPLIES FOR AN INITIAL OR RENEWAL CLASS C**
9 **(VETERANS' ORGANIZATION) LICENSE; OR**

10 **3. HOLDS A CLASS C BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE**
11 **THAT IS CONVERTED TO A CLASS C (VETERANS' ORGANIZATION) LICENSE UNDER**
12 **SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION.**

13 11–2004.

14 (c) (1) **[A] EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (4) OF THIS**
15 **SUBSECTION, A holder of a Class C beer, wine, and liquor license may sell beer, wine, and**
16 **liquor on Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day.**

17 (2) Except as provided in ~~[paragraph]~~ **PARAGRAPHS (3) AND (4)** of this
18 subsection, the license holder may not sell beer, wine, or liquor after 2 a.m. on Sunday.

19 (3) The Board may issue to the license holder a Sunday license that
20 authorizes the sale of beer, wine, and liquor on Sunday according to terms that the license
21 states.

22 **(4) A HOLDER OF A CLASS C (VETERANS' ORGANIZATION) LICENSE**
23 **UNDER § 11–1009 OF THIS TITLE MAY SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR ON MONDAY**
24 **THROUGH SUNDAY FROM 6 A.M. TO 2 A.M. THE FOLLOWING DAY WITHOUT**
25 **OBTAINING A SUNDAY LICENSE UNDER PARAGRAPH (3) OF THIS SUBSECTION.**

26 ~~[(4)]~~ **(5)** The license holder may sell or provide beer, wine, and liquor at a
27 bar or counter on any day on which the sale of beer, wine, and liquor is allowed by law.

28 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
29 1, 2025.