

HOUSE BILL 621

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By: **Delegates S. Johnson and A. Johnson**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2024

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Stadium License Annual Fee**

3 FOR the purpose of reducing the annual fee for a stadium beer, wine, and liquor license in
4 Harford County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford
5 County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
8 Section 22–102
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
13 Section 22–1006
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

19 22–102.

20 This title applies only in Harford County.

21 22–1006.

22 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(2) “Concession manager” means a person that provides and supervises under contract the comprehensive management of all food and beverage concession sales on the licensed premises.

(3) “Licensed premises” includes the stadium facility and stadium parking lots.

(b) There is a stadium beer, wine, and liquor license.

(c) The Board may issue the license for a stadium to the owner, lessee, or concession manager of a professional baseball stadium.

(d) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption.

(2) The license holder may sell, serve, or allow the consumption of beer, wine, and liquor on the stadium parking lots only with the prior written approval of the Board.

(e) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor on Monday through Sunday, from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day.

(2) During a baseball game, a holder of a stadium license may not sell beer, wine, or liquor:

(i) after the beginning of the eighth inning; or

(ii) during a doubleheader game, after the beginning of the sixth inning of the second game.

(f) (1) An individual who serves beer, wine, and liquor on the licensed premises shall hold a certificate from an alcohol awareness program that the Board approves.

(2) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, an individual may serve beer, wine, and liquor during a baseball game.

(ii) An individual may serve beer, wine, and liquor in a glass container only on the club level, in an area in the stadium designated by the license holder to hold a special event, or in a dining area where patrons are seated.

(3) (i) This paragraph does not apply to wine and liquor served on the club level, in an area in the stadium designated by the license holder to hold a special event, or in a dining area where patrons are seated.

1 (ii) An individual may dispense wine and liquor during a baseball
2 game only from a stationary structure that is in the stadium and equipped with a motor
3 vehicle driver's license scanner.

4 (4) A license holder may not allow a roving vendor to dispense wine and
5 liquor.

6 (5) A license holder may not allow a person to carry beer, wine, and liquor
7 onto or off of the licensed premises.

8 (g) The annual license fee is ~~[\$10,000]~~ **\$4,000**.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
10 1, 2024.