

# HOUSE BILL 743

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By: **Frederick County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2024

Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Promoter’s License**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the promoter’s permit in Frederick County to be a promoter’s  
4 (on-sale) beer, wine, and liquor license; authorizing the Board of License  
5 Commissioners for Frederick County to issue the license to a certain for-profit  
6 organization under certain circumstances; authorizing a license holder to sell beer,  
7 wine, and liquor at an event; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages in  
8 Frederick County.

9 BY renumbering

10 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
11 Section 20–1103  
12 to be Section 20–1011.1  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

15 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

16 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
17 Section 20–102  
18 Annotated Code of Maryland  
19 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

20 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

21 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis  
22 Section 20–1011.1  
23 Annotated Code of Maryland  
24 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)  
25 (As enacted by Section 1 of this Act)

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,  
That Section(s) 20–1103 of Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis of the Annotated  
Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 20–1011.1.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read  
as follows:

**Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

20–102.

This title applies only in Frederick County.

20–1011.1.

(a) There is a promoter's [permit] **(ON-SALE) BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR  
LICENSE.**

(b) [A for-profit organization shall obtain the permit from the] **THE** Board  
[before the organization] may [publicize, sell tickets for, organize, operate, produce, or  
stage] **ISSUE THE LICENSE FOR USE BY A FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION THAT  
PUBLICIZES, SELLS TICKETS FOR, ORGANIZES, OPERATES, PRODUCES, OR STAGES**  
an event [at which] **WHERE** alcoholic beverages are sold or served.

(c) **THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER TO SELL BEER, WINE,  
AND LIQUOR AT AN EVENT.**

**(D)** The Board may adopt regulations establishing the requirements for  
conducting an event described in subsection (b) of this section, including health and safety  
standards to be met by a [permit] **LICENSE** holder.

**[(d)] (E)** The [permit] **LICENSE** fee is:

(1) \$50, if the promoter expects that fewer than 500 individuals will attend;

(2) \$250, if the promoter expects that from 500 to 1,000 individuals will  
attend;

(3) \$600, if the promoter expects that from 1,001 to 3,000 individuals will  
attend; and

(4) \$1,000, if the promoter expects that more than 3,000 individuals will  
attend.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
1, 2024.