

SENATE BILL 563

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CF HB 586

By: **Frederick County Senators**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2024

Assigned to: Finance

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Weinberg Center/New Spires Arts**
3 **Stages Beer, Wine, and Liquor License**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the Class C (Weinberg Center) beer, wine, and liquor license
5 in Frederick County to be the Class C (Weinberg Center/New Spires Arts Stages)
6 beer, wine, and liquor license; expanding the licensed premises to include the New
7 Spires Arts Stages; altering the officials who may sign a certain license application;
8 authorizing the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at an event held by a
9 certain group that has rented a certain facility; and generally relating to alcoholic
10 beverages in Frederick County.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
12 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
13 Section 20–102
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
18 Section 20–1015
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

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.



Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis

20–102.

This title applies only in Frederick County.

20–1015.

(a) There is a Class C (Weinberg Center/**NEW SPIRES ARTS STAGES**) beer, wine, and liquor license.

(b) The [president and two other officers] **MANAGER** of the Weinberg Center for the Arts **OR THE NEW SPIRES ARTS STAGES, OR ANOTHER MUNICIPAL OFFICIAL DESIGNATED BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF FREDERICK**, shall sign the application for the license.

(c) The Board may issue the license for use by the nonprofit Weinberg Center for the Arts **AT THE CENTER AND AT THE NEW SPIRES ARTS STAGES**.

(d) (1) The license authorizes the license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor at retail to a customer on the licensed premises.

(2) Beer, wine, and liquor may be consumed anywhere on the licensed premises.

(e) The license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor from 1 hour before to 1 hour after:

(1) a performance; [or]

(2) a fund–raiser that benefits the Weinberg Center for the Arts **OR THE NEW SPIRES ARTS STAGES; OR**

(3) AN EVENT HOSTED BY AN OUTSIDE GROUP THAT HAS RENTED EITHER FACILITY.

(f) The annual license fee is \$325.

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