

HOUSE BILL 1141

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EMERGENCY BILL

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By: **Delegate Ebersole**

Introduced and read first time: February 5, 2025

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore County – Alcoholic Beverages – Change of Location**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing an additional circumstance under which the Board of
4 License Commissioners for Baltimore County may approve a change of location for a
5 certain alcoholic beverages license; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages
6 licenses in Baltimore County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
9 Section 13–102
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2024 Replacement Volume)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
14 Section 13–1702
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2024 Replacement Volume)

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

19 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

20 13–102.

21 This title applies only in Baltimore County.

22 13–1702.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(a) If the Board approves an application from a contract purchaser, an owner of the location, or a developer under § 13–1404 of this title, the applicant may apply to transfer the license to an operator of the type of business for which the license was approved if:

(1) the license is for a location in the site for which the license was approved; and

(2) the application for transfer occurs within 5 years after the original application for the site is approved or construction at the location is completed, whichever is later.

(b) Unless otherwise prohibited by law, the Board may approve a change of location of a license issued under § 13–1404 of this title if:

(1) the license holder has engaged in an active alcoholic beverages business under the license for at least 1 year before applying for the change; [or]

(2) (i) the license holder has not engaged in an active alcoholic beverages business under the license; and

(ii) the Board approved a change of location of the license from another location within the same [county] election district at least 5 years before the application for the change of location under this item; OR

(3) THE LICENSE WAS ORIGINALLY ISSUED WITHIN THE SAME ELECTION DISTRICT AND HAS BEEN AT THE SAME LOCATION FOR AT LEAST 10 YEARS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety, has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from the date it is enacted.