

SENATE BILL 735

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By: **Harford County Senators**

Introduced and read first time: January 31, 2024

Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class L License**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Class L beer, wine, and liquor license in Harford County;
4 authorizing the Board of License Commissioners for Harford County to issue the
5 license to a holder of a manufacturer's license; authorizing the license holder to hold
6 another license or permit issued by the Board; specifying that the license authorizes
7 the license holder to sell certain beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption
8 under certain circumstances; requiring the license holder to provide prepackaged
9 snacks; providing for the hours of sale and an annual license fee; requiring the
10 retention of certain records for a certain period of time; and generally relating to
11 alcoholic beverages in Harford County.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
14 Section 22–102
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

17 BY adding to
18 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
19 Section 22–911
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

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

24 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis**

25 22–102.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



This title applies only in Harford County.

22-911.

(A) THERE IS A CLASS L BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE.

(B) THE BOARD MAY ISSUE THE LICENSE TO THE HOLDER OF A MANUFACTURER'S LICENSE.

(C) THE LICENSE HOLDER MAY HOLD ANOTHER LICENSE OR PERMIT ISSUED BY THE BOARD TO SELL PRODUCTS THE HOLDER PRODUCES TO THE EXTENT THE HOLDER IS AUTHORIZED UNDER THE HOLDER'S MANUFACTURER'S LICENSE.

(D) THE LICENSE AUTHORIZES THE LICENSE HOLDER, FOR ON-PREMISES CONSUMPTION, TO SELL BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR:

(1) PRODUCED BY THE HOLDER OR ANOTHER HOLDER OF A MANUFACTURER'S LICENSE ISSUED UNDER THIS ARTICLE AND HELD IN THE COUNTY; AND

(2) THAT MAY BE MIXED WITH:

(I) OTHER BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR THAT IS PRODUCED OR MANUFACTURED IN THE COUNTY; OR

(II) NONALCOHOLIC PRODUCTS, REGARDLESS OF WHERE THE NONALCOHOLIC PRODUCTS ARE PRODUCED OR MANUFACTURED.

(E) THE LICENSE HOLDER SHALL RETAIN, FOR 2 YEARS AFTER THE DATE OF PURCHASE, INVOICES AND ANY RECORDS OF THE PURCHASE OF ANY ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE PRODUCT NOT MANUFACTURED BY THE LICENSE HOLDER.

(F) THE LICENSE HOLDER IS NOT REQUIRED TO SELL FOOD BUT IS REQUIRED TO PROVIDE PREPACKAGED SNACKS.

(G) THE HOURS OF SALE FOR A CLASS L BEER, WINE, AND LIQUOR LICENSE ARE THE SAME AS THOSE FOR THE UNDERLYING MANUFACTURER'S LICENSE.

(H) THE ANNUAL LICENSE FEE IS \$3,000.

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