

HOUSE BILL 715

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By: **Harford County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2025

Assigned to: Economic Matters

Committee Report: Favorable

House action: Adopted

Read second time: March 6, 2025

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Alteration of License Quota**

3 FOR the purpose of altering the quota used to determine the maximum number of certain
4 alcoholic beverages licenses that the Board of License Commissioners for Harford
5 County may issue; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford
6 County.

7 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
8 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
9 Section 22–102
10 Annotated Code of Maryland
11 (2024 Replacement Volume)

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
14 Section 22–1601
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 22–102.

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.



This title applies only in Harford County.

22-1601.

(a) For every [4,000] **4,750** individuals in the county, as specified by the Maryland Department of Health, the Board may not issue more than:

(1) one Class A (off-sale) license;

(2) one Class A-1 (off-sale) license; or

(3) one Class A-2 (off-sale) license.

(b) If the number of licenses in a class exceeds the quota specified in subsection (a) of this section, the Board may not issue a new license of that class unless the number of licenses of that class are reduced by revocation or surrender, creating a vacancy under the particular quota specified.

(c) This section does not apply to the transfer, conversion, or renewal of a license.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2025.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.