

HOUSE BILL 991

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By: **Frederick County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2023

Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Frederick County – Alcoholic Beverages – Basket of Cheer**

3 FOR the purpose of repealing the requirement in Frederick County that alcoholic beverages
4 in a basket of cheer be produced in Maryland; and generally relating to basket of
5 cheer alcoholic beverages permits in Frederick County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
8 Section 20–102
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2016 Volume and 2022 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Alcoholic Beverages
13 Section 20–1317
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2016 Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

19 20–102.

20 This title applies only in Frederick County.

21 20–1317.

22 (a) There is a basket of cheer permit.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(b) The Board shall grant the permit at no cost to a holder of a Class C per diem beer and wine license or a Class C per diem beer, wine, and liquor license.

(c) The permit authorizes the permit holder to provide as a prize at a benefit performance a basket of cheer of alcoholic beverages [produced in Maryland,] consisting of:

(1) for a holder of a Class C per diem beer and wine license, not more than:

(i) 288 ounces of beer; and

(ii) 2.25 liters of wine; and

(2) for a holder of a Class C per diem beer, wine, and liquor license, not more than:

(i) 288 ounces of beer;

(ii) 2.25 liters of wine; and

(iii) 2.25 liters of liquor.

(d) The alcoholic beverages contained in a basket of cheer shall be for off-premises consumption.

(e) A holder of the permit:

(1) shall obtain the alcoholic beverages contained in a basket of cheer from a holder of a retail license; and

(2) may raffle off not more than 10 baskets of cheer at each benefit performance.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2023.