

HOUSE BILL 621

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By: ~~Delegates S. Johnson and A. Johnson~~ **Harford County Delegation**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Harford County – Alcoholic Beverages – Stadium License Annual Fee**

3 FOR the purpose of reducing the annual fee for a stadium beer, wine, and liquor license in
4 Harford County; and generally relating to alcoholic beverages licenses in Harford
5 County.

6 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
7 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
8 Section 22–102
9 Annotated Code of Maryland
10 (2016 Volume and 2023 Supplement)

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Alcoholic Beverages and Cannabis
13 Section 22–1006
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2016 Volume and 2023 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 and Cannabis**

19 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.



1 This title applies only in Harford County.

2 22-1006.

3 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

4 (2) "Concession manager" means a person that provides and supervises
5 under contract the comprehensive management of all food and beverage concession sales
6 on the licensed premises.

7 (3) "Licensed premises" includes the stadium facility and stadium parking
8 lots.

9 (b) There is a stadium beer, wine, and liquor license.

10 (c) The Board may issue the license for a stadium to the owner, lessee, or
11 concession manager of a professional baseball stadium.

12 (d) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the license authorizes the
13 license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on-premises consumption.

14 (2) The license holder may sell, serve, or allow the consumption of beer,
15 wine, and liquor on the stadium parking lots only with the prior written approval of the
16 Board.

17 (e) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the license holder may sell
18 beer, wine, and liquor on Monday through Sunday, from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. the following day.

19 (2) During a baseball game, a holder of a stadium license may not sell beer,
20 wine, or liquor:

21 (i) after the beginning of the eighth inning; or

22 (ii) during a doubleheader game, after the beginning of the sixth
23 inning of the second game.

24 (f) (1) An individual who serves beer, wine, and liquor on the licensed
25 premises shall hold a certificate from an alcohol awareness program that the Board
26 approves.

27 (2) (i) Subject to subparagraph (ii) of this paragraph, an individual may
28 serve beer, wine, and liquor during a baseball game.

29 (ii) An individual may serve beer, wine, and liquor in a glass
30 container only on the club level, in an area in the stadium designated by the license holder
31 to hold a special event, or in a dining area where patrons are seated.

(3) (i) This paragraph does not apply to wine and liquor served on the club level, in an area in the stadium designated by the license holder to hold a special event, or in a dining area where patrons are seated.

(ii) An individual may dispense wine and liquor during a baseball game only from a stationary structure that is in the stadium and equipped with a motor vehicle driver's license scanner.

(4) A license holder may not allow a roving vendor to dispense wine and liquor.

(5) A license holder may not allow a person to carry beer, wine, and liquor onto or off of the licensed premises.

(g) The annual license fee is ~~[\$10,000]~~ **\$4,000**.

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

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.