

# HOUSE BILL 1430

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By: **Delegate B. Wilson**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

- 1 AN ACT concerning
- 2 **Washington County – Alcoholic Beverages – Class CT (Cinema/Theater License)**
- 3 FOR the purpose of altering the requirements for a Class CT (cinema/theater) license in  
4 Washington County so that the license may be issued only for a cinema or theater  
5 that is in a stand-alone building with certain characteristics; altering certain  
6 requirements for the sale of beer, wine, and liquor by the license holder; altering the  
7 days that a license holder may exercise the privileges of the license; establishing a  
8 Sunday permit and a Sunday permit fee; repealing the termination provisions of  
9 certain Acts regarding cinema/theater licenses; and generally relating to alcoholic  
10 beverages licenses in Washington County.
- 11 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
12 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
13 Section 31–102  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)
- 16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
17 Article – Alcoholic Beverages  
18 Section 31–1001.1  
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20 (2016 Volume and 2016 Supplement)
- 21 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
22 Chapter 586 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2016  
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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Alcoholic Beverages**

4 31–102.

5 This title applies only in Washington County.

6 31–1001.1.

7 (a) There is a Class CT (cinema/theater) (on–sale) beer, wine, and liquor license.

8 (b) The Board may issue the license for use in a cinema or theater that:

9 (1) is in a **STAND–ALONE** building that is designed or used primarily for  
10 the exhibition of motion pictures to the public;

11 (2) has a capacity to hold at least 100 permanently installed seats; and

12 (3) has a minimum of six movie theater rooms.

13 (c) (1) Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, the license authorizes the  
14 license holder to sell beer, wine, and liquor for on–premises consumption[:

15 (i)] by the drink, bottle, and can[;]:

16 [(ii)] (I) 1. in a designated area of the lobby, for 45 minutes  
17 before a movie starts; and

18 2. in a VIP room that holds special events, for the 45 minutes  
19 before a movie starts and during the showing of the movie; [and] **OR**

20 [(iii)] (II) to an individual who has a ticket to a movie and proper  
21 identification.

22 (2) A license holder may exercise the privileges of the license [only on  
23 Thursdays]:

24 (I) **FROM MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY; AND**

25 (II) **ON SUNDAY, IF THE LICENSE HOLDER IS ISSUED A SUNDAY**  
26 **PERMIT.**

27 (3) A license holder may sell beer, wine, and liquor without serving food.

1           (4) An individual serving beer, wine, and liquor:

2                   (i) may not mix the contents of one bottle with the contents of  
3 another bottle; and

4                   (ii) shall dispose of or destroy all empty bottles and cans.

5           (d) (1) A license holder shall:

6                   (i) obtain a crowd control training certificate from a program that is  
7 certified by the Board; and

8                   (ii) while selling beer, wine, and liquor, have one certified crowd  
9 control manager on the licensed premises for every 250 individuals present.

10           (2) Notwithstanding § 31-1903(a) of this title, a license holder shall require  
11 one individual who has completed a certified alcohol awareness program to be on the  
12 licensed premises at all times when alcohol is being served.

13           (e) (1) The annual license fee is \$1,000.

14                   (2) **THE SUNDAY PERMIT FEE IS \$250.**

15                                   **Chapter 586 of the Acts of 2016**

16           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect on  
17 July 1, 2016. [It shall remain effective for a period of 15 months and, at the end of October  
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